



boredom buster

















staying safe doing things we enjoy

an easy read booklet made by the experts by experience team in our learning disability service



about this booklet



hi everyone we hope you are all staying safe and well



our wonderful Experts by Experience have made this booklet for you



we are not going to tell you what you are not allowed to do..... we already know that



we are going to talk about all the great stuff we **can** do while we are staying safe



our team have come up with their own fun ideas and have shared how they are feeling at the moment



we hope you enjoy the ideas and the thoughts and feelings shared





try to keep to a routine

our expert by experience Amy talks about how important it is to still keep to a routine everyday...



- try to get up at your usual time every day
- have a shower or a bath
- have a healthy breakfast



do you have **a plan** for your day?

it might be a good idea to write down what you want to do



a routine and a plan will help you to know what to expect

my week

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Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		





look after your health

Stef and her mum Sue have been working really hard at eating healthy food and exercising during lockdown.....



- now is a great time to look at what you are eating
- do you need to eat more healthy food?





you could look on the internet for easy read healthy recipes

make sure you eat lots of vegetables

try to include healthy snacks





Stef and Sue have been busy cooking healthy curries and stir fries



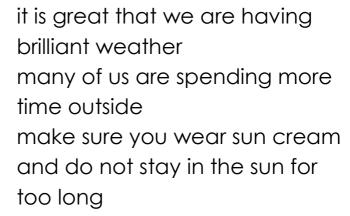
remember to keep hydrated too it is important to drink 6 – 8 glasses of water or sugar free drinks every day



having a good sleep routine is very important try to limit the amount of caffeine you drink and do something relaxing before you go to bed









if you are taking certain medication be careful about how long you stay in the sun



if you feel unwell you must telephone your doctor's surgery

you might not have virus symptoms you might be ill with something new



you might be unwell with something other than the virus and it is very important that you still telephone your doctor





be active and keep moving

keeping active and exercising is so important because it keeps us healthy and fit and makes us feel good it is not just good for our physical health it is really good for our mental health too









Natalie has been going for walks in her local area, Stef and Sue have been using online exercise classes and Aimee has been out on her trike Stefanie enjoys playing swing ball

the government recommends....





try to do 75 minutes a week of **vigorous activity** about 10 minutes each day

vigorous activity is an activity where you need to stop to be able to talk

things like running and going up and down stairs





try to do 150 minutes a week of **moderate activity** about 20 minutes each day

moderate activity is an activity where you can still talk but not sing

things like walking and cycling

make sure you stay safe when you exercise and use the right equipment







keep in touch

not being able to see family and friends has been very difficult for many people

Natalie has found it hard not being able to spend time with her family and friends she has seen her mum on socially distancing walks but misses being able to go to her house







Stef, Aimee and David have been facetiming family and friends you could try...

- Zoom or Skype
- writing letters
- making cards
- telephoning people or texting them

it is important to still keep in touch with people you are close to





keep busy

keeping busy and having something enjoyable to do helps us to fill our day and keep us occupied







Nadeen has been really busy making banners and bunting for events where she lives





Amy has spent time painting pebbles for the garden, building Lego and working on her computer

David has been helping his parents with the garden, painting and decorating and he has been doing an online course Natalie has been baking and using her Wii











Nadeen has been really busy with outdoor projects in the garden



David has been helping his family on the farm
Aimee has been doing lots of crafts
everyone has been helping with cleaning and tidying

there are lots of great ideas online you tube have good videos to show you how to do something new

look at what needs doing where you live does your room need organising? does the garden need tidying?





look after how you feel



we are living in a very different way at the moment a lot of things in our lives have changed some of us might be feeling upset or sad that we cannot do the things we usually do

it is ok to have lots of different feelings

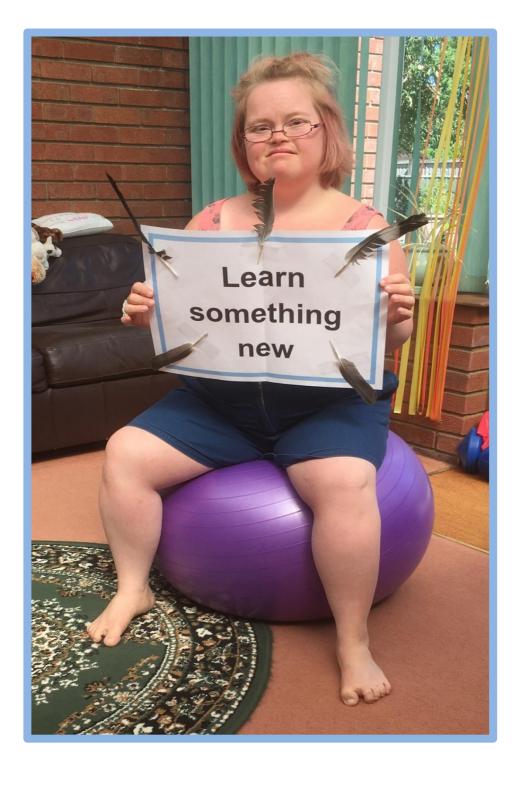


it is important to talk about how you feel



be honest about how you are feeling and ask for support

Amy has been keeping a daily diary to write down how she feels everyday





learn something new

is there something you have always wanted to learn to do but haven't had the time?

now might be a good time to do it



it could be learning how to do something where you live, like doing your own washing or learning to cook a meal



you might want to sign up for a free online course like David

Stefanie just bought a fit ball and is learning how to use it



learning something new makes us feel good it gives us a sense of achievement





fresh air and nature



going outside and getting fresh air helps us to feel good

Stefanie has enjoyed getting out and walking her dog

Nadeen has been out to her local beach collecting rocks and shells for a project

make sure you keep 2 metres away from other people who you do not live with



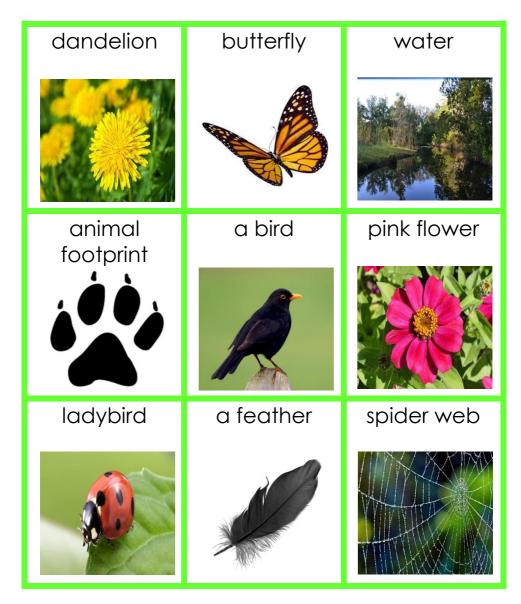






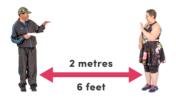
nature spotting sheet

see how many you can find on your next walk or trip out





keep following the rules



stay 2 metres away from people who you do not live with



make sure you wash your hands often



if you are finding it hard to keep yourself safe talk to someone who could support you



if you have any virus symptoms telephone 111 and ask for advice

111

Quick re-cap



over to you.....

write or draw your ideas in the boxes.....

keeping to a routine
looking after my health
keeping active and moving
keeping in touch

keeping busy
looking after how I feel
learning something new
getting out in the fresh air

a bit about our Experts by Experience

our experts by experience are paid to work in our service



they use their experiences from using health services to help our learning disability service be the best it can be

some of them have worked with us for 2 years



they help our nurses to train other health staff like doctors and nurses in hospitals and clinics they tell them what it is like to have an appointment



they are very passionate about promoting learning disability awareness

they wanted to make this booklet to help you all through this difficult time



other information



for easy read and accessible information about the coronavirus look on our website LPFT and search for the learning disability service



our service works with service users, families, social care and health partners to enable adults with a learning disability and/or autism living in Lincolnshire to receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time



to make a referral to our service please contact **SPA Single Point of Access**



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take care everyone

