

Curriculum Continuity Project in Slough



Lockdown Lessons: a creative writing challenge

The coronavirus shut down schools for the majority of pupils in England in March 2020. Without warning, students, teachers, parents and school leaders found themselves in new and unusual circumstances. Lockdown kept us at home but it didn't prevent us from learning.

Throughout the lockdown we have all continued to learn. We've learnt about ourselves, about leadership, about family and society - and we've learnt about learning itself.

We would like to publish an e-book, co-authored by members of our community, bringing together lessons from the lockdown all in one place. This project will complement the work of teachers and leaders working across Slough to promote literacy and cross-school collaboration.

The aim of the book is to reconnect, to collaborate and to share our collective learning from the lockdown. Through reflecting on our individual experiences and sharing them with our community, we hope that we can find meaning in our challenges, draw lessons from our experiences and find hope for the future.

We would like as many pupils, teachers, parents and community leaders to contribute to this book as possible. We ask you to **share your one 'lockdown lesson' in 500 words or less**. A selection of the submissions will be chosen to be published and shared with all schools in Slough.

Some ideas:

- Tell the story of your lockdown
- Write what you missed most
- Share what you enjoyed most
- Explain how you felt in lockdown
- What would you tell your grandchildren about the 'lockdown of 2020'?
- What did you learn about teaching and learning in lockdown?
- What did you learn about parenting in lockdown?

- What kept you going? What drove you crazy?
- Where did you find connection or creativity in lockdown?
- What have you learned about unity/curiosity/growth/service during lockdown?
- Have we become more or less unified as a country or community?
- What has this period in history taught us about equality?

Your writing can take any form: narrative, an account, a journal entry, poetry... Be creative!

You can submit your writing here by completing this form: [Lockdown Lessons Submission Form](#)

If you would like to, please also include artwork or photographs along with your writing. Please email images to mpritchard@uptoncourtgrammar.org.uk with 'Lockdown Lessons' in the subject, along with your name, age and school.

Please note: in submitting any information and text or images, you are agreeing for the content, including your name, age and school, to be published and shared online and in print.

Thank you to all in advance for taking part in this challenge. We look forward to reading your 'lockdown lessons'.