



Stay Home Stories

We are excited to invite your school to take part in the 2021 National Map Drawing Project, **Mapping Home**.

The project is a National Collaboration between the University of Liverpool, Queen Mary University London, the Royal Geographical Society with Institute of British Geographers, the Museum of the Home and National Museums Liverpool and represents a nationwide mapping project. Pupils across Key stages 2-4 are being invited to create a map of their home.

Your pupils' maps will help us gain a better understanding of how children and young people's experience of the home space may have changed during the COVID-19 restrictions. While at the same time helping to develop mapping skills and encouraging engagement with a sense of place.

The maps will become part of an online exhibition with the **Royal Geographical Society**. **Over the summer months we will publish selected maps and will complete the project with an online gallery of submissions.** This a fabulous opportunity for schools and children to share their excellent work with others across the UK.

Maps represent a vehicle for communication at a time of crisis. Drawing a map helps create knowledge of place and enables the voices of children and young people to be heard during the COVID-19 pandemic. As well as a creative way for pupils aged 7-16 to express and process their experiences of lockdown.

We have created an information pack (attached) with everything you need to know in order to take part. This includes pupil information sheets, resources and consent forms. We welcome maps from children of all abilities to take part and have their voices heard in this, first of its kind, national initiative.

Maps can be submitted for consideration for map of the month in July, September, October and November 2021.

Getting started couldn't be easier. **Maps can be drawn in class or as a homework and then uploaded**, we look forward to seeing your students' creations and sharing them in the exhibition. If you have any questions feel free to contact me jacqueline.waldock@liverpool.ac.uk or email eduadmin@rgs.org.

(Please note that this project complements the Royal Geographical Society's 2021 Young Geographer of the Year competition which has the theme of "Remapping our Lives". For more information on that competition see www.rgs.org/YGOTY).

Sincerely
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