

CONNECTION POINT

TELL US A STORY...



Storytellers and future authors – we need you!

Could you write a short story to bring a smile to the faces of the people in Eastleigh most affected by isolation?

During this strange time, vulnerable and elderly people in our town will be receiving packages of essentials – such as food and toiletries. Here in the Creative Learning Department at The Point and The Berry Theatres, we are keen to deliver a little bit of magic with their baked beans...your imagination!

We are asking you to write a short story that we will include in their deliveries to keep Eastleigh connected and share messages of hope, humour and happiness by bringing a smile to those who may be feeling most alone.

RULES

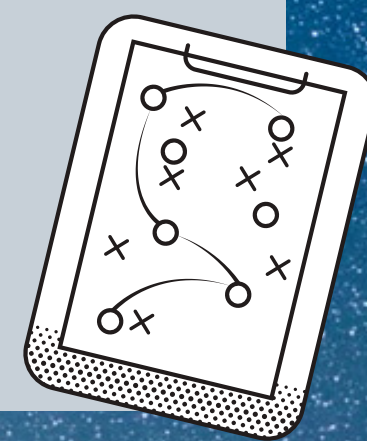
- **Make it positive ! What story would really brighten someone's day?**
- **Please keep your story to one side of A4.**
- **It should be fun to write!**

Check out our storytelling tips sheet for advice and useful links!
When your stories are finished, please send them with a title, your first name and age to **gina.thorley@eastleigh.gov.uk**

Please let us know if you'd rather your age and first name weren't included on your story when it is sent out. We ask that all submissions are sent by parent/guardians or teachers aged 18 or over.

If you want to use social media to tell us you've taken part, make sure to use the hashtag #ConnectionPoint
We can't wait to read your creations!

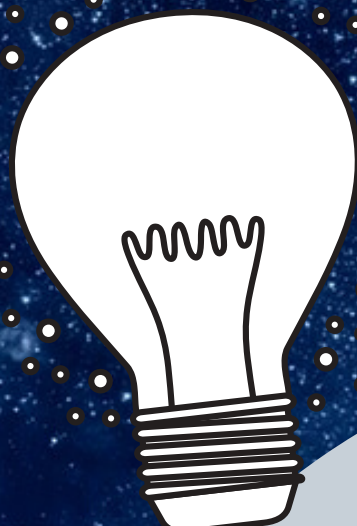
Best wishes,
The Creative Learning Team, *The Point and The Berry Theatres*



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Could you write a short story that we can send to someone in the Eastleigh Borough community who may be facing isolation? It should be positive, fun and have the ability to brighten someone's day. Good luck and get writing!



STORY IDEAS

Perhaps your story is inspired by a real life event? If you're looking for some positive inspiration why not try the thehappynewspaper.com?

You could change the details of the actual event like name, location and setting for your story or even make it more magical or unusual!

Choosing a genre for your story can help you plan your writing. Is it a mystery? A comedy? Fantasy or Science Fiction?

Think about the kind of stories you enjoy in books, films and TV. Would you like to write something similar? Maybe you're a fan of superheroes? Spies? Wizards? These might inspire your characters or the story itself!

REALLY USEFUL
WRITING
WEBSITES THAT
WE LOVE...



PLANNING YOUR STORY...

BEGINNING: Set the scene and let us meet your characters!

MIDDLE: What problem or obstacle does your character(s) face?

ENDING: How does your character solve the problem?



BBC'S 500 WORDS

For loads of great planning techniques and ways to make your story memorable downloads.bbc.co.uk/radio2/500words/500words_2020_teacher_pack.pdf

OXFORD OWL

Another site with some great resources for getting your story started www.home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/creative-writing/

