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Covid-19 timeline – recording my experience

May 2020

1st May – UK is now able to offer 100,000 COVID-19 tests a day - however they are not yet completing that number.

2nd May – More than 1 million people have recovered from COVID-19 worldwide.

5th May – Doctors in France report evidence that a patient had COVID-19 as early as December 2019.

7th & 8th May – Scotland and Wales extend their lockdowns by 3 weeks.

10th May – The UK government updates England's COVID-19 message to "stay alert, control the virus, save lives". This is met with a lot of confusion and Wales, Scotland and N.Ireland choose not to use it.

This means that the virus may have been around a lot longer than scientists thought and changes all the timelines!

Can you come up with a good slogan to help remind everyone to keep safe during lockdown?:

11th May – The UK government advises people in England to wear face coverings in enclosed spaces where social distancing is not possible like on buses or when inside shops.

Do you wear a mask when you go out? If you could design your perfect mask how would it look? Draw or describe it here:

Lots of kind people have been making masks in their homes and selling them to raise money for the NHS.





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13th May – Carbon emissions in India drop for the first time in four decades.

Can you think of any other positives that have happened because the world has been in lockdown?:

This means that now we can test our blood to see if we have already had COVID-19.

14th May – Public Health England approves a blood test that can detect COVID-19 antibodies.

Downing Street is the building where the Prime Minister works, it also refers to the government more broadly

17th May – Downing Street announce £84m of funding to help produce a COVID-19 vaccine that they hope will be available by September.

18th May – Health Secretary Matt Hancock announces that anyone in the UK over the age of five with symptoms can now be tested for COVID-19.

18th May – Both Spanish footballers and English footballers in the premier league begin training in small group in the hope that football will be able to start again.

What activities have you missed doing? Draw or describe yourself doing them:

Loss of smell and loss of taste are added the list of COVID-19 symptoms that people should look out for, bringing number of symptoms to 5.

19th May – Captain Tom Moore, who raised £32m for NHS charities, is to be knighted for his fundraising efforts.

22nd May – The Government unveils new quarantine rules for travellers to the UK that will require them to self-isolate for fourteen days from 8th June.

This means everyone who comes into the UK from another country will have to stay inside for 2 weeks.



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23rd May – Newspapers report that Boris Johnson's chief advisor Dominic Cummings travelled 260 miles from London to Durham to self-isolate during lockdown and while his wife was displaying COVID-19 symptoms.

Lots of people are cross as they feel he broke the lockdown rules. Some people want him to resign from his job.

24th May – Boris Johnson confirms the plan for slowly reopening schools in England from 1st June. Starting with Early years, Reception and Year 6. He adds that from 15th June a quarter of Year 10 and Year 12 students will be allowed "some contact" with teachers to help prepare for exams.

26th May – Art museum Tate Britain announces that they won't be awarding the prestigious art award the Turner Prize this year because of the challenges created by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Can you create a lockdown Masterpiece? Perhaps the view from your window, or maybe something abstract that expresses your feelings about COVID-19:

26th May – A drug called 'Remdesivir', which can speed up the time it takes people with COVID-19 to get better, is made available through the NHS.

28th May – Prime Minister Boris Johnson says the government's five tests have been met, and from 1 June in England groups of up to six people will be able to meet outdoors in gardens and outdoor private spaces.

People are urged to remember to social distance as News channels share images of large numbers of people on beaches.

If you could meet up with 5 people who would you pick? They could be your friends, family, someone famous, fictional, or even from history:

30th May – Boris Johnson announces lockdown restrictions will be relaxed for the 2.2 million people who have been "shielding" in their homes. From the 1st June they will be allowed outdoors with members of their household. Those who live alone can meet one other person outside and following social distancing rules.