

A Room of my Own

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A really big event happened in lockdown. Me and Will, my twin brother, got bikes, with 21 gears to be precise. We had 6 year old bikes and we're nearly 8 so it's really, really good now we have bigger bikes to ride. We're allowed to cycle around 5 of the streets just around our house. I go on a pogo stick a bit sometimes and Adam at the bottom road, he gave me an old 2-wheeled scooter. I go scooting the streets that we're allowed to go down, and on the Thursday night clapping we go round and round on our bikes, saying hello to everyone. Sometimes we cycle about looking for treasures but so far we've only found flowers and stuff like that.



When I wake up we have breakfast and we walk round the block and then come back in to 'go to school'. My dad teaches us every day and my mum twice a week as she's mostly trapped upstairs; she has to do her own homework. She does phone calls and skype – she's basically an NHS person. We have a 'times tables' for lockdown. First it's Maths time, then English time, break time. Then Arts and Crafts and lunch time of course.

Sometimes it's 'Outdoor Project' and once we had to hammer down bricks and

tiles for a patio. It's very different to normal school, we would be in a class full of children but we're sitting in a kitchen with just two people which can be boring, but it's kind of nice 'cause you can go grab a drink when you want and at school you have to wait till break or lunch to do that.

In the beginning of lockdown it felt like I was trapped indoors and wasn't allowed anywhere, but I got used to it. Obviously it's just different. It's a really big thing to get to go in the car somewhere, even just a mile. The other day we went in the car to pick something up at Halfords and it was actually really fun. My dad built a balcony for the tree-house and it's so nice, I go in there every evening. The first friend I saw when we were allowed was Cleo who I've known about 6 yrs. There was enough space for us to play in the tree-house together and it was really fun.

We've had so much deliveries and I've had my birthday present delivered already! My friend's birthday was spoilt by lockdown because she was going to have a treasure hunt and none of us could go, sad times. But I am going shopping on my Birthday and I think it's quite nice that Boris Johnson is letting us go to the shops.

I sometimes get a bit fed up with my family - I see the same people every single day - and I go in my tree-house. Will likes to say it's 'his' tree-house too but he never goes in there. My parents are never in it so then finally I can be by myself. I make potions sometimes and it's peaceful, except for noisy people passing by on the street but I say hello and chat a bit with the ones I know, like Daisy, and Janet from across the road.

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