

# Home Learning Guide

## Secondary: Age 11-14



**My Money Week offers a fantastic opportunity for a fun and creative home learning experience. There are plenty of opportunities to enrich your young person's learning by bringing money matters to life in the home.**

### How to support your young person's learning during My Money Week

We've developed a set of secondary teaching materials which include a lesson plan and 2 short activities designed for young people aged 11-14. Although the teaching materials were designed with teachers in mind, they can be a helpful tool for parents/carers too. In the section below we have provided guidance on how to use the teaching materials and on the right are suggestions of how some of this year's activities can be adapted for home learning.

#### DISCUSSION

Throughout the teaching materials, young people are encouraged to take part in discussions – look out for the following phrases, 'as a class', 'in pairs', 'in groups'. In the absence of a classroom, you can facilitate these discussions by encouraging your young person to talk through their ideas. You could maybe invite the whole family to join in and share their ideas and experiences or if you have access to video calling, your young person could even set up a group conversation with their peers.

#### PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES

The home environment offers new and exciting opportunities for learning. The secondary materials explore how informed decision making can help us save money - much of this decision-making relates to the home and the family. Why not work together to find practical ways to bring these topics to life using items in your home as learning aids.

**Some ideas could include:**

**Involve your young person when considering purchases for the home.** Can they help you write a weekly shopping list, keeping to a set budget? Can they use price comparison sites to help you research the purchase of a new item? Can they research insurance products for a mobile phone or car? Can they help you find a good electricity deal?

**Involve your young person in family money decisions.** Ask for their input when creating a family budget - what should your family prioritise their spending on and why?

**Exploring costs in the home.** Why not challenge them to think of ways that your family could save money in the home e.g. reducing energy use, wasting less food...

#### ACTIVITY IDEAS

My Money Week aims to get young people interested and excited about money matters. This year, they will be exploring how informed decision making can help us save money.

#### Why Save?


Use this activity to start a discussion about savings accounts. Challenge your young person to use comparison websites to research different savings accounts. Can they tell you what the difference is between them? Can they tell you what the advantages of having a savings account are? What advice would they give their older self about putting their earnings into a savings account?

#### Planning to Buy

Use this activity to talk about purchasing options. You could share your experiences on what influences your purchasing decisions. Ask your young person to think about what influences their spending decisions now and what different factors might influence their decisions in the future.

#### Insurance

Can they identify all the types of insurance that your family might need? What are the risks of not taking out the insurance? What are the benefits?

 Watch the interactive video journeys, "Sophie's First Festival" and "Mobile Phones", with your young person and discuss their choices along the way.