

## ROLLS-ROYCE, DERBY

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The Coronavirus pandemic has had a major impact on communities across the country and the closure of schools for months has meant that families have had to turn to home schooling.

In response to this Rolls-Royce, multinational engineering company and member of East Midlands Chamber, has worked to support home schooling efforts by creating a range of educational STEM activities for children.

As well as producing their own downloadable STEM resources, the company also partnered with Tech We Can, an online tech lessons portal, to help parents and carers access 12 free digital lesson plans to help teach children at home. They were originally created to be taught by teachers in the classroom but were adapted and made available to families for teaching at home. Mapped to the National Curriculum, the lessons comprise of structured and fun learning packs which explore careers in technology and the use of technology in everyday lives.

Rolls-Royce also partnered with the UK Scouts to create The Great Indoors; a bank of STEM ideas and activities to inspire children at home during lockdown. The programme, which featured Scout Ambassadors, Bear Grylls and Tim Peake, reached millions of young people and their families in the UK and beyond. The films created for The Great Indoors will have a legacy well beyond 2020, by being added to the library of STEM activity resources within the Scouting programme.

Away from educational initiatives, Rolls-Royce has also stepped in to support their local East Midlands community through the pandemic. They provided a donation to the creation of a Covid-19 Fund managed by Foundation Derbyshire, specifically set up to provide grants to food banks and organisations supporting the most vulnerable. Alongside this, they also donated 10,000 FFP2 face masks to the Royal Derby Hospital.

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Rolls-Royce has also assisted in the national Covid-19 effort by teaming up with BAE Systems, as part of a consortium of major UK industrial, technology and engineering businesses, to produce medical ventilators.

*"During these challenging times our employees came together and collaborated with partners to support our communities, providing medical equipment and exciting virtual tools and activities for children, parents and schools."*

David Roomes  
Chief Medical Officer, Rolls-Royce

*"Rolls-Royce is a great example of how our members have gone above and beyond in the pandemic, supporting those communities in which they operate. By helping schoolchildren engage at home and supplying critical equipment to the NHS, the organisation is a deserving Business Hero."*

Scott Knowles  
CEO, East Midlands Chamber