

School life continued throughout the war, but with big changes: shared classrooms, fewer teachers, gas mask drills, and lessons in unusual places like churches or outside! This activity explores what it was like to be a wartime pupil.

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### You Will Need

- Paper
  - Pen or pencil
  - A bag or lunchbox
- Optional: a scarf or hat to act as a gas mask strap
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### Wartime School Timetable

- Create a simple timetable for a day at a wartime school.
- Include subjects like maths, reading, and history – but also time for gas mask drills, helping in the school garden, or even lessons in the air raid shelter.
- Try to imagine how lessons would feel if you were wearing extra clothes for warmth and had to share books and pencils with classmates.

### Gas Mask Drill

- Gas mask practice was part of daily life at school.
- Write a set of clear instructions on how to put on a gas mask in case of emergency.
- Use a scarf or soft hat to pretend you're putting one on.
- What does it feel like? Try writing a sentence or two describing the experience.

### School Rules Poster

- Imagine you're the new headteacher, and you want to help students understand what's expected during wartime.
- Create a "Rules for Wartime School" poster.
- Include at least five rules (e.g. "Always carry your gas mask", "Take turns with books", "Keep calm during air raid drills").
- Add a cheerful slogan at the bottom like "Stay smart – stay safe!"