
Guidance for Public Regarding Digital Use of Social Thinking Materials Summer 2020

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we have had a high volume of requests for guidance on using the Social Thinking Methodology and materials in a digital learning format. Our goal is to support you, your students and families, while also ensuring the quality of the Social Thinking Methodology. As we have navigated these last few months, we have been adapting and creating many free resources for you to use with your students and families. Even though we are worldwide, we are a very small publishing company who has also been significantly impacted by the economic downturn due to Covid 19. We are not able to convert all of our products to a digital format in the way a larger publisher is able to do. However, we are doing our best to utilize our small, but mighty, team to provide some options that will be helpful to you, while still maintaining the integrity of our products, as well as protecting our intellectual property rights. Please find our digital resources including our “Free Stuff” portal, a limited set of published ebooks, as well as online courses and elearning.

With regards to utilizing our intellectual property in online digitally-based instruction, please follow these guidelines:

- **WE DO** allow use of our materials for live tele-therapy/tele-education sessions only *when teaching your own students via password-protected closed networks* (the intention is that the lesson is conducted as close as possible to a confidential classroom or therapy session or medical appointment utilizing the associated secure record-keeping process). Please do not make a recording of the live session.
- **WE DO** allow a small number of instructional thinksheets that are used with students to be posted on **closed** password-protected networks via school sites or other private channels not accessible to the public. You can also access lessons directly from our website under Free Stuff to use during tele-therapy sessions.
- **WE DO NOT** allow large amounts of material or entire chapters to be recorded or posted online in these private channels or password-protected networks.
- **WE DO NOT** allow educators, therapists or schools to post any of our materials on school websites or open channels for use in a virtual teaching format.
- **WE DO NOT** allow posting of our materials on **open sites** such as Google Classroom/Drive, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Pinterest, etc. This includes not being allowed to read our books aloud on an open You Tube channel etc
- **WE DO NOT** allow members of the community to train others on YouTube (or other sites) about use of our materials whether it be for digital or face to face instruction.

We hope you find this information helpful as you continue to plan and support your students during this unprecedented time. If you would like to share our materials with others, please do so by sharing the direct links to our website <https://www.socialthinking.com/>.

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