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Dear Parents,

As the schools have been closed for the next few weeks we have prepared work to occupy your children and to ensure that they stay busy and engaged. We don't expect you to teach your child so a lot of the work for the older children is self-directed and enjoyable, some of it may need adult support depending on your child's ability. Your younger children will, obviously, need more support. Some suggestions for all children -

- Give them directions and let them help around the house!! See can they follow instructions!
- Log onto www.helpmykidlearn.ie - great ideas for project work or activities
- TG4 Cúl 4 - some very nice programmes including animated cartoons and cooking shows that the children would enjoy
- 10 @ 10 as gaeilge <https://rtejr.rte.ie/10at10/>
- www.gonoodle.com has plenty of ideas for movement and mindfulness
- www.cosmickids.com has some great ideas for yoga and meditation
- Baking: Measuring, weighing - Using vocabulary - full/empty/heavier/lighter - as appropriate.
- Lots of activities are available on www.twinkl.ie/offer and www.nessy.com - both websites are offering free trials for the month in light of school closures
- We have lots of useful links to websites for children in the kids' zone of our website www.stpaulsratoath.ie

We have also attached suggestions for speaking to your child about Covid-19. If your child is particularly anxious or worried you might try more of the mindfulness and mediation from the above websites.

Specific suggestions for Third Class:

- Board games - snakes and ladders, ludo etc
- Card games
- Puzzles - jigsaws, countdown, suduko....

Maths:

- Online Maths practice
- Learn all tables - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division up to 12
- Revision of addition, subtraction and multiplication
- Master your Maths - Page 28 - 35

English:

- Allow your child to 'free write' - give them topics if they need prompting.
- Write a diary entry each day
- Do a dictation
 - pencil grip,
 - Capital letters,
 - Finger spaces and full stops.
- Read a book a day to your child and ask questions/ predict/ analysis....
- Ask them to read to you or to siblings.
- Grammar - look for nouns , verbs, adjectives, adverbs
- Read the class novel - make predictions, discuss the story, paraphrase the story...

Gaeilge:

- Scríobh (write) An Nuacht

SESE:

- Do a project on the United Kingdom

We will be following government advice at all times but if we have specific communications we will be in contact through email. Best wishes and take care.

Yours sincerely,
Morag McGowan
Principal