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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 Fifth Class:

- Board games
- Card games
- Puzzles - jigsaws, countdown, suduko....

Maths:

Online Maths practice

Revision of all tables - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division up to 12

Do Master Your Maths each day of the week (including the Friday test on Friday). Revision of tables
Daily Top Ten website <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

The next two topics to be covered were -Time and money. Please integrate as much practical activities as possible in regards to these topics.

English:

All work should be completed in A4 pads

Novel - Read a chapter a day and look up any new words. After reading a chapter make a summary of it, around 20 lines long.

Pick 5 new words per chapter and look them up in the dictionary. Put these new words into sentences.

Gaeilge:

Scríobh (write) An Nuacht

SESE:

When completing projects the following websites are recommended. www.kiddle.co
<https://www.worldbookonline.com/kids/home>

Please complete projects on whatever materials you happen to have at home, scrap books, A2/A3 card or paper etc. We understand that it is short notice so we are very flexible on materials used.

History: Research and complete a project on the Romans.

Science: Research and complete a project on one plant (The Hawthorn Tree) and one water bird (choose from the swan, the gannet, the cormorant, the dunlin, the oystercatcher).

Geography: Research and complete on a small number of major world physical features

Choose one of each: Oceans / Continents /Rivers /Deserts /Mountain Ranges

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,
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Principal