

COVID-19 Distance Teaching Ideas

A shared resource pack for teachers for primary school pupils

Introduction

This document has been designed for Irish primary school teachers and principals by Simon Lewisto share any ideas that might be useful over the coming weeks for online learning. It is designed to be a live document which can be updated by anyone. It is divided into a number of sections to make it easy for others to find what they are looking for.

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This will be refreshed to update from time to time

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General Resources

Twinkl

All Classes



Twinkl are offering all parents and teachers a One Month FREE Ultimate Membership to Twinkl.ie. This will allow parents and teachers unlimited access to every single resource for every single curriculum subject from junior infants to sixth class.

www.twinkl.ie/offer

Notes: Setting this up is really easy to do - go to www.twinkl.ie/offer and enter the code IRLTWINKLHELPS. This code will only work for new memberships. If you are an existing member with a Core or Extra membership, please get in touch and we will upgrade you to Ultimate right away.

World Book

All Levels



The World Book is a resource offered by the PDST. It's like a virtual encyclopedia except a lot more interactive.

<https://www.worldbookonline.com/wb/products?ed=all&gr=Welcome%21>

Literacy / English Resources

EPIC

All Levels



Epic! is an online library which offers over 35000 resources including "Read to Me" books, audiobooks, student tracking, reading level linkage with Accelerated Reader and other reading levelling schemes. It also offers high interest texts such as National Geographic Kids and Guinness Book of Records. It is suitable for children from ages 4-12.

<https://www.pdst.ie/DistanceLearning/SourcesofInformation#epic>

Gill Explore

Junior Infants to 2nd Class



Gill Education has provided free access to gillexplore.ie to all of the pupil resources from Junior Infants to 2nd Class from our Over the Moon complete Primary English Language programme.

Pupil resources for programme include:

- Skills Books

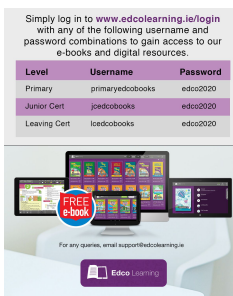
- All readers
- Pupil's digital resources

<https://www.gillexplore.ie/>

Notes: Sign up required. For any digital support queries, please contact 01 500 9542 or digitalsupport@gill.ie.

Edco Learning

All Class Levels



Pupil resources for programme include:

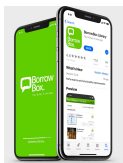
- Skills Books
- All readers
- Pupil's digital resources

<https://www.edcolearning.ie/>

Notes: Username: primaryedcbooks Password: edco2020

BorrowBox

All class levels



If you or your child/children or parent/s are a member of the local library, you can access an App or website called BorrowBox. It is free. I use it for audio books and also, ebook. There is a children's section.

<https://www.borrowbox.com/>

Notes: To register, you need your library card which has your membership number on the back.

Vooks

All class levels

VOOKS

Vooks is committed to being a resource for families to keep kids reading at home. Vooks can also be a welcome distraction for parents, allowing them to enjoy time with their kids, watching and discussing books together. To help, we have created take-home lesson plans that can be

shared with parents and guardians - built to provide children with 20 minutes a day of read aloud time and activities.

<https://www.vooks.com/>

Notes: Free one month, sign up required

Oxford Owl Ebook Reader Library

Junior Classes



Oxford Owl has an ebook library with over 250 books in it and offers free access to teachers and parents once you create an account at www.oxfordowl.co.uk They also have some vocabulary and comprehension activities for most of the books.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Writing Legends

Junior Classes



As part of their Assistance for Schools response to Coronavirus they are providing Writing Legends free of charge through to July 31, 2020. Writing Legends is a comprehensive writing program, containing hundreds of activities for students in grades 3 to 6. The regular price is

\$11.50 (USD) per student.

<https://www.writinglegends.com/>

www.sorchaj.com

Infants to Fifth Class



This site covers phonics, dolch, Jolly Phonics including tricky word lists and practice reading sentences following the Spellbound order of words and more.

www.sorchaj.com

Rivet Reading

Infants to Fifth Class



Rivet Reading App by Google is not available in the EU, but the web version of the books, with reading is. High Interest Reading books are available with help for pupils with words that are not easily decodable. Topics range from Animals to History, Sport to Science .Very useful for reluctant readers and self-guided.

<https://rivet.area120.com/read/#/libraryScreen>

Teach Your Monster to Read

Infants to 1st Class.



Teach Your Monster to Read is a fun activity that helps infants work on everything from initial sounds, CVC words, blends and digraphs all the way to full words and sentences. The Web platform is free for teachers and students (the App costs, but is not necessary). Teachers can set up a class quite easily and can simplify passwords. Great fun game that children can engage with at home (although teachers cannot set sounds - pupils work through independently).

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

Literacy / Gaeilge Resources

Duolingo - Gaeilge

2nd - 6th Class

Duolingo can be used for learning any language but I use it in school to improve Gaeilge. Teachers can set up a class and input their pupils. This generates a username and password which can be shared with your pupils. They can use Duolingo on phones, tablets, computers. Teachers can set a weekly goal for pupils to reach or set a new skill to be learned.

<https://schools.duolingo.com/>

Áiseanna Gaeilge ar líne:

Symboloo List of Gaeilge Web Sites

[Symboloo](#): Gaeilge Websites

Léitheoireacht: Séideán Sí (gach leibhéal)

<https://www.seideansi.ie/aiseanna-eile.php>

Teanga ó Bhéal: Scéal an Lae - TG4

1st - 6th Class

Short stories in Gaeilge read aloud online. Perfect for first - 6th classes in Scoil T2 or rang ar bith in Scoil T1.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Sc%C3%A9al+an+lae [Link to the website](#)

Teanga ó Bhéal: Soundcloud - An Gúm

Soundcloud - Irish language stories read aloud online/ scéalta in Gaeilge ón nGúm

<https://soundcloud.com/search?q=An%20G%C3%BAm>

Irish songs online / Amhráin in Gaeilge ar líne

Anam an Amhrán - Youtube

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Anam+an+Amhr%C3%A1n

Numeracy / Maths Resources

Manga High

All Class Levels


Manga High offers maths games for all class levels. School needs to register, and then pupils can be added by bulk upload, with username/password then being provided on a little card. Possibly a challenge to set up and share details with pupils at present.

www.mangahigh.com

Notes: Free for 60 days, due to Covid-19, school sign up required.

Multiplication.com

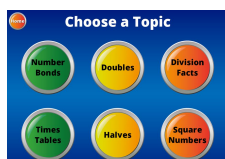
3rd Class up

 Loads of games to practice Multiplication.

<https://www.multiplication.com>

Top Marks - Hit the Button

Class Level



Hit the Button is an interactive maths game with quick fire questions on number, bonds, times tables, doubling and halving, multiples, division facts and square numbers. Games are against the clock and develop number fact recall. Designed for 6-11 year olds.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Notes: A paid app version is available from Apple/Google Play/Amazon but the web browser version is free to use.

Top Marks - Daily 10

Class Level



HiDaily 10 is a primary maths resource which covers addition, subtraction, ordering, partitioning, place value, rounding, multiplication, division, doubles, halves and fractions. It has been designed primarily for use on an interactive whiteboard. The aim is to help teachers deliver 10 maths questions many which can be used for mental maths practise.

Sets of questions can be timed or untimed and the activities are ideal for starter and plenary sessions. They are graded in levels of difficulty which match year group levels in England's National Curriculum Maths requirements. This means the resource is suitable for children from 5 to 11 years of age.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

Science Resources

Scholastic Learn at Home (Free)

Day to day projects (USA based) for children Infants to Sixth Class.

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

Science Foundation Ireland

Infants to 6th Class



Any science experiment you could ever think of is nicely organised into lots of different sections. Much of the equipment you can find at home but well worth exploring to try and do a science experiment every few days.

<https://www.sfi.ie/engagement/discover-primary-science-and-maths/activities-search/>

Geography Resources

Ask About Ireland

Infants to 6th Class



An oldie but a goodie. This web site covers both History and Geography from infants to 6th class including some great project ideas. There's probably enough here to cover the entire curriculum. Hard to believe it's almost 20 years old!

<http://www.askaboutireland.ie/learning-zone/primary-students/>

Scoilnet Geography

Infants to 6th Class



Teachers working with Scoilnet have produced a number of subject-based themed pages. Each theme page presents a set of links and resources on a particular topic. This page contains a number of resources on different Geography topics. Many of them also tie in to Educate Together's Learn Together Curriculum.

<https://www.scoilnet.ie/primary/theme-pages/geography/>

History Resources

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Seomra Ranga History Links

Infants to 6th Class



Seomra Ranga does not maintain any of the web sites provided as links so it assumes no responsibility for their contents, nor does any link constitute an endorsement of any other site, its sponsor or its contents. These links are just suggestions of websites that teachers may wish to visit to compliment their classroom teaching. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of each individual teacher or school to determine whether the links provided are suitable for children to visit.

<https://www.seomraranga.com/links/sese-links/history/>

SPHE Resources

Busy Bodies

4th to 6th Class



Busy Bodies Adolescent Development Programme provides information on the physical and emotional changes that children may experience during puberty, to reassure them that puberty is a normal part of growing up. Busy Bodies is a useful resource to help support both teachers and parents in providing information on puberty to children aged between 10 and 14.

https://www.healthpromotion.ie/health/inner/busy_bodies

Scoilnet SPHE Page

Infants to 6th Class



A small number of resources to support the SPHE curriculum including the Webwise programme

<https://www.scoilnet.ie/primary/theme-pages/sphe/>

Tools to Stay On Task

Class Level: Everyone, including adults

Tools designed to help a person work steadily for a set time interval, then take a five-minute break. These programs can help students eliminate distractions while they work by blocking access to content that isn't used for learning.

Block Site (Chrome Extension)

Stay Focused (Chrome Extension)

Strict Workflow (Chrome Extension)

Resources to support PE or Exercise at Home

GoNoodle

All class levels



GoNoodle is a really easy and good way to get kids moving.
Popsico... Pop pop sico!

<https://www.gonoodle.com/>

Notes: Free

PSSI PE Lessons

All Levels



Included on this resource is a set of support materials for the five strands of the physical education curriculum for primary schools. The materials have been designed to complement this curriculum and to assist primary teachers in its implementation.

<https://pssi.pdst.ie/clickme.html>

Notes: Free

Music Resources

Dabbledoo Music

All Classes

Dabbledoo are offering all content for **free to parents of schools with DabbledooMusic**.

Please email shane@dabbledoomusic.com to let them know if your school would like to avail of this, and we can set up your access details.

Notes: Only available to schools signed up to Dabbledoo

SoundTrap

www.soundtrap.com :: A great way for students to experiment with loops and sounds through layering tracks and building songs. Supports GSuite and Office365 logins which means all work saved to the cloud. Free version gives students five compositions to explore. Lots of learning in students playing around with the built in demo songs and their use of sound recording techniques, musical effects and layering of sounds (texture etc.) (@stephenmcf)

Visual Arts Resources

I Am An Artist

All Classes



A very oldie but a very goodie. One of the best produced Visual Arts guides for the curriculum. The site may be dated but everything in it is gold!

<http://www.iamanartist.ie>

Carlow Educate Together Visual Arts Plan

All Classes

Carlow Educate Together's Visual Arts Plan is available to everyone. It's a Google Site that contains information on all the strands and video examples of what to do in each of them.

<https://sites.google.com/carloweducatetogether.ie/visualarts/home>

Online art supports on Social Media

Youtube:

1. Will Sliney <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmtQsXI3211I2eumTVKh4Kg> coaches drawing of marvel characters
2. Art for kids hub <https://www.youtube.com/user/ArtforKidsHub> coaches simple drawings
3. Draw so cute https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3dEvA1is6-0_yuei9iCdEw coaches drawing simple cartoons
4. Use your hand as a template for drawing simple pictures- 10 ideas <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJNSOte9h4I>
5. Craft ideas using materials in the home <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSsdnC896pU>

Instagram:

1. LEARNSTAGRAM.2020 - online school including art lessons with minimal resources. (other subjects available on this platform)

Teachers Pay Teachers: This is a website with lesson ideas. There are some lovely **FREE** resources and lessons. Be careful, not all lessons are free. You have to sign up by email to get free resources. Here are some nice art ones that are free:

1. <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Party-Pineapples-Art-Lesson-4377329>
2. <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Party-Pandas-Art-lesson-4487003>
3. <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Pop-Art-Interactive-Flip-Flops-Grat-End-of-the-Year-Activity-FREE-1180791>

Ethics / Religion Resources


Learn Together Resource Bank

All Classes

Lots of books, lesson plans, links to websites to support the Learn Together curriculum
<https://learning.educatetogether.ie/course/index.php?categoryid=9>

Catholic Confirmation Study “Chosen”

Confirmation classes (5th/6th)

 www.confirmationstudy.com Has great videos (and worksheets/books.)
Sample videos are on the website. Many of the full videos are available on youtube or vimeo to view for free, just search “Chosen Confirmation Study”.
Books and dvds available to buy but resources on website are free.

Catholicicing.com



All class levels

Has a wide range of resources and ideas including art and crafts, worksheets and “How to draw” videos. Resources to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, Lent, Holy Week and Easter.
<https://www.catholicicing.com/>

Churchservices.tv



All class levels

Watch Mass and other services live from churches all over Ireland. Check the schedule section to see what is available each day. Children might like to “visit” churches online that are connected to their family, e.g. where their parents/grandparents were married, where their cousins go to church etc. <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

SEN-related resources

Education Nation

Online learning for all school staff to better help all pupils with special needs.

<https://educationnation.ie/register/covid-19-free-access/>

Free access to all Education Nation courses for all schools until March 31st 2020

SEN Teacher



One of the oldest sites dedicated the Special Education Teaching but has

expanded its use to any type of learning environment. Loads of printables and interactive resources.

<https://www.senteacher.org>

Curricular Material | National Council for Special Education

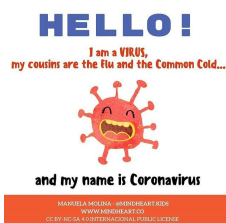
- CPD and In-School Support

<https://www.sess.ie/resources/curricular-material>

Learning about COVID-19

Information Worksheet for Children about Covid-19

All Classes



Free downloadable PDF for children about Coronavirus which is information but also acts as an activity sheet.

Website is www.mindheart.com Then enter tab for 'descargables'. Most of this website is in Spanish however, they have the pdf version in English. Tab for direct link is below.

https://660919d3-b85b-43c3-a3ad-3de6a9d37099.filesusr.com/ugd/64c685_bec2d5e852fc46ed8e7d0f2396fb5385.pdf