**Suggestion from Scoil Iósaif Naofa, Oranmore during this unprecedented time.**

We are well aware that these are worrying and trying days for everyone. Believe us we would rather be in school teaching the boys.

In the coming days we will be supporting the boys learning at home with Google Classroom, you the parents / guardians will receive an email with work set out for the boys. The older boys will hopefully be able to complete this work independently but may also need a little help or guidance from you the parent / guardian. The younger boys may need a little more support. We are aware the curriculum has changed since you were in school so please don’t panic if you are unable to help your child. We will understand.

Here is a little guidance that we hope will help, that last thing we wish to do is put pressure or stress on anyone, so as I say these are just a guidance if you wish to avail of them.

1. Let’s use this time to revise. Maths times tables are so important. If the boys came back knowing all their tables off by heart it would be great for them. This would make maths lessons much easier for the boys.

2. Using the CJ Fallon website revise Léigh sa Bhaile reading aloud. https://my.cjfallon.ie/dashboard/student-resources

3. DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) It’s so rare that children sit on a couch and read, life is so busy with friends calling / parties / training etc that they are always on the go. Set a time every day that they have to read. Let them choose the book so that they have had a choice in the process. Perhaps ask them to draw the main characters using their visualising skills.

https://www.getepic.com/ Unlimited award-winning fiction, non-fiction, STEM, biographies, graphic novels, DIY & more

4. Create a project of their choice on Powerpoint, making use of editing skills and then presentation skills. https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/

5. Improve your handwriting, strive for a pen license.

6. Create a piece of work for the School Mag 2020 eg. A poem, a school trip, a family trip, Covid- 19, recount / narrative writing. www.pobble365.com

7. Give your child some chores, making their bed, tidy their room, setting the table, weed the garden, and a huge beneficial one – learn to tie their shoelaces.

8. Get outside a much as possible and do some exercise.

9. Try out coding. Code.org or https://scratch.mit.edu/

10.Practice your tin whistle / band instrument.

11. Those boys who have access to TTRS to keep up the program at home.

12. Play board games. Perhaps learn how to play chess! www.chess.com

13. There are a vast amount of free resources online that are usually a paid for service but because of Covid- 19 the websites are now free to parents and students.

a - https://www.gonoodle.com/ - where kids can be physically active indoors eg. Zumba

b - https://www.cosmickids.com/ - yoga for children

c - https://www.scoilnet.ie/scoilnet-services/world-book/ - access to World Book

d - https://www.mangahigh.com/ - we used this during maths week.

e - www.oxfordowl.co.uk. - 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. They also have some vocabulary and comprehension activities for most of the books.

f - https://www.getepic.com/ Epic! is an online library which I call “Netflix for books for kids”

g - Twinkl Resources have been very generous and are offering teachers and parents one month free unlimited membership to Twinkl.ie using the code IRLTWINKLHELPS. Visit Twinkl.ie/offer to sign up. – This is a great website for every subject. Tables tests, comprehensions, art and craft etc. It is loved by every teacher!