

# Castleblakeney National School

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Dear Parents,

In an effort to support you during this time of school closure, here are some ideas which may guide you in keeping a level of school work or normality going at home. Teachers have work assigned to their classes however, there is only so much a teacher can put together in a short amount of time. The following list includes advice and various resources which are used in school:

- 1) Do not worry about progression on new topics. The best thing you can do is complete the work assigned by class teachers. This work focuses on revision which is vital. Please approach the completion of the work with a measured and flexible approach.
- 2) Work such as tables, spelling, oral language and vocabulary work can be done orally and informally in a child friendly manner at home.
- 3) Encourage your child to read. Listen to your child reading. Older classes have been provided with a book review template. Encourage children to read a variety of genres. Support your child in their reading by engaging in shared reading or asking your child to speak about the story they are reading.
- 4) There are some excellent websites for children to engage with for learning. However, all children should be supervised while on line.  
[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)  
[www.mathplayground.com](http://www.mathplayground.com)  
[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk](http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk)

- 5) **Twinkl** are offering a free month to parents. This website is incredible. It is full of printable for everything from pre-schoolers upwards. You will find so much here <https://www.twinkl.ie>. Use the code IRLTWINKLHELPS

Scoilnet Primary is another website with a wealth of worksheets and topics for researching.

<https://www.scoilnet.ie>

The health and safety of your child and family is paramount at this time. While it is important for your child to continue with their learning and revision, it must be stressed **children should not be overloaded with work.**

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