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Remote Learning in Pre-School and Primary

- Last week, schools across Northern Ireland have set up an online support community on Twitter which can be accessed @learn_ni School principals and teachers are adding daily a range of resources, links and ideas to support each other with remote learning.
- It is imperative for schools to ensure that all children have their C2K username and password in order to access C2K software from home. It would be helpful to remind children of the SMART rules when using the internet.
- Children thrive when there is a plan for the day or a daily schedule. It helps them to feel safe and secure. It is also very important that there is a **<u>balance</u>** between online learning, written and practical activities, outdoor learning and free time.



COVID-19 DAILY SCHEDULE

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Before 9:00am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put PJ's in laundry		
9:00-10:00	Morning walk	Family walk with the dog Yoga if it's raining		
10:00-11:00	Academic time	NO ELECTRONICS Soduku books, flash cards, study guide, Journal		
11:00-12:00	Creative time	Legos, magnatiles, drawing, crafting, play music, cook or bake, etc		
12:00	Lunch			
12:30PM	Chore time	A- wipe all kitchen table and chairs. B - wipe all door handles, light switches, and desk tops. C - Wipe both bathrooms - sinks and toilets		
1:00-2:30	Quiet time	Reading, puzzles, nap		
2:30-4:00	Academic time	ELECTRONICS OK Ipad games, Prodigy, Educational show		
4:00-5:00	Afternoon fresh air	Bikes, Walk the dog, play outside		
5:00-6:00	Dinner			
6:00-8:00	Free TV time	Kid showers x3		
8:00	Bedtime	All kids		
9:00PM	Bedtime	All kids who follow the daily schedule & don't fight		

Daily Schedule

Before 9:00 AM	Wake up!	Make your bed, eat breakfast, brush teeth, get dressed		
9:00-10:00	Outdoor Time	Family walk or outdoor play		
10:00-11:00	Academic Time	No Electronics! Reading, homework, study, puzzles, journal		
11:00-12:00	Creative Time	Creative play, drawing, Legos, crafts, music, cooking, baking		
12:00-12:30	LUNCH			
12:30-1:00	Home Chores	Clean rooms, put away toys, take out garbage, pet care		
1:00-2:30	Quiet Time	Reading, nap, puzzles, yoga		
2:30-4:00	Academic Time	Electronics OK! Educational games, online activities, virtual museum tours		
4:00-5:00	Outdoor time	Family walk or outdoor play		
5:00-6:00	Dinner time	Family dinner, help with clean-up and dishes		
6:00-7:00	Bath time	Bath or shower		
7:00-8:00	Reading/TV time	Relaxing before bedtime		
9:00 PM	Bedtime	Put on PJs, brush teeth, clothes in laundry		

Pre-School

Non-screen learning suggestions:

- Getting Ready to Learn Book Bags.
- Getting Ready to Learn Happy Healthy Kids physical equipment.
- Outdoor physical activities.
- Look at the wildlife, hedgerows and keep track of the changes in nature and photos and drawings.
- Gardening activities- planting and digging.
- Make models from junk materials, Duplo, Lego (see some suggestions for Lego below- note American spelling).
- Cut and stick activities, paint and draw.
- Fill a sink with water and engage in water play.
- Play board games e.g. snap, Dobble.
- Bedtime box Suggested contents: Teddy in box decorated as a bed; Blanket; Small toy for teddy; CD of bedtime songs and rhymes; Storybook Five Minutes Peace, Goodnight Moon, The Gruffalo, Goodnight, Little Bear.

- Happy sack Suggested contents: A selection of photographs of happy people/faces (or a variety of expressions for comparison/discussion); CD of happy songs and rhymes; Storybook I Feel Happy; Use phone to record happy sounds, laughing etc.
- New baby box Suggested contents: A baby doll; Box decorated as cot/cradle with blanket; Bottle, clothing and nappies; Storybook – You're the Biggest (brilliant for new big brothers and sisters!
- Playdough bag/box Suggested contents: Recipe card so children can easily make it with some help (see recipe); shape cutters egg cups, plastic glasses and natural materials around the home and garden; range of tools for shaping and creating marks, using cooking utensils; special ingredients e.g. rice, glitter, spices and herbs.
- Bake and cook with adults.

Recipe for playdough

- 2 cups of plain flour
- 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil
- ½ cup of salt
- 2 tablespoons of cream of tartar
- 1 cup of water and food colouring, if desired.
- Ideas to promote fine motor skills include scissor activities with dough, newspaper, old magazines and card. As the skills progress change the thickness of the paper to make it more difficult and challenging by using former birthday cards and Christmas cards. Use household items like tongs and tweezers to lift sticks, cotton balls, small stones, etc.
- Don't forget the gross motor skills. Apart from the normal running and outdoor play, indoor activities could include: encourage children to bear walk, roll along the floor with arms tucked in and stretched out to strengthen core muscles, balancing/following on the lines on the tiles and using them to hopscotch and not forgetting to encourage using alternate feet on the stairs while counting.
- Further ideas on app called *50 Things To Do Before You are Five* which is available on Google Play on the App Store.
- Further home learning ideas kindly supplied below by Pamela Algie, principal of Bangor Nursery School.







Foundation Stage

Screen learning suggestions:

- Oxford Owl (accessed at https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/?fbclid=lwAR0UL4FTi_mfFl_n3E1CP3emL-) A range of free eBooks for 3 11 years. Parents and teachers can register for free.
- Guided reading activities (attached) supplied by Karen Irwin and shared on Twitter @learn_ni
- Topmarks Counting Games accessed at https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting
- Maths Puzzles and Problems for Years 1 and 2 (attached)
- ICT Games are on-screen games for literacy and numeracy at https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html

Non-screen learning suggestions:

- Create a routine for the day using pictures/drawings/words.
- Learn to ride a bike, bat/ball activities, skip, run, dig, hop.
- Take a walk and look at the wildlife, hedgerows and keep track of the changes in nature and record findings in photos and drawings.
- Gardening activities- planting and digging.
- Keep a dairy/journal.
- Make models from junk materials, Duplo, Lego (see some suggestions for Lego below- note American spelling and some grammatical errors!).
- Play board games e.g. dominoes.
- Bake and cook following recipes.



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Follow the instructions for each day. The only rule is to have fun			Day 1 You were hired	Day 2 NASA needs you to		Day 4 Hollywood hires
and use your imagination!			by an amusement park to create a new roller coaster.	build a new rocket.	to build a new home and they want you to build it.	you to build a movie set for a new Star Wars movie.
Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11
You enter a contest to build the world's tallest tower. Will you win?	You are stuck on Mars and need to build a new ship to get home.	Ford hires you to create the toughest pick up truck in the world.	You and 4 friends are stranded on an island. Build a boat to find a way home.	Captain Hook needs a new pirate ship and wants you to build it.	You and your friends decide to build a tree house.	Prince Charming hires you to build a castle for him & Cinderella.
Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18
Dr. Who hires you to build a new TARDIS.	You are asked by the President to build a new monument to George Washington.	Mr. Hilton hires you to build a new hotel.	There is a circus in town. Build a place for the performance.	Help your fellow pioneers build a wagon to make it across the country.	Build the fastest car around and join the big car race.	Do you wanna build a snowman? Get in the winter mood and build a snow scene.
Day 19	Day 20	Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25
The city wants you to build a bridge to connect one side of the town to the other.	up to you to make a pizza for all the guests.	You are hired to build a brand new hospital.	The fence is broke and the dog keeps escaping. Build one he can't get out of.	You are now in medieval times. You are commis- sioned to build a jousting arena.	The local bank keeps getting robbed. Build a safe no one can crack.	Design and build your dream bedroom.
Day 26	Day 27	Day 28	Day 29	Day 30		What was
You are elected ruler. Build a flag for your land.	Aliens are invading and you need to build a war robot to defeat them.	The aliens have taken over. They are impressed by your robot. They want you build one for them.	You are hired to build a house entirely out of yellow Legos.	There is blizzard. You will need to build a snowmobile	4	your favorite day?

Key Stages 1 and Key Stage 2

Screen learning suggestions:

• Google Classrooms (C2K MySchool username and password required) Use the new classroom tab to set tasks.

• Microsoft 365 (C2K MySchool username and password required)

OneNote- can be used to upload and store children's work and provide written/audio feedback.

Teams- is a collaborative platform that combines chat, video calls and file storage. Use Teams to communicate with your class via video call or chat and store resources. Some schools are using Teams to set work for a group e.g. write a story in a group of six to enable children to work in groups and collaborate with their friends while working from home.

FlipGrid- is a video tool where children/teachers can record short video responses to collaborative class grids. It can be used to pose questions for children to answer/reflect/discuss a topic.

Immersive Reader- is supported in Word Online, OneNote, Outlook, and PowerPoint. Children can use Immersive Reader to hear the document read aloud, change the appearance of a document to help the reader focus on the content (increase/decrease text size, the amount of spacing between letters and words or the background colour of the document), identify parts of speech and a translate option.

Office Lens- can be used to scan a printed text and place it in OneNote — the program will use text recognition to launch the immersive reader.

- Newsdesk (C2K MySchool username and password required) Newsdesk is a very
 useful tool for schools to develop children's fluency in reading, comprehension and writing
 skills. The Newsdesk Hour will be in operation from Monday 23 March where children can
 listen to interesting articles, watch video content and write about what they have read of
 learned. Children can also take a picture and upload it onto School Reporter section of the
 main Newsdesk site. The activities and topics are updated daily.
- Collaborate Ultra (C2K MySchool username and password required) video conferencing/virtual classroom. Collaborate Ultra can take up to 500 participants in any one session. Teachers can present slides, talk about learning, have children engage with the teacher etc. There is also the facility to have break out rooms. One teacher is sing Collaborate Ultra to support a child who has additional needs.
- **SeeSaw** can be used by teachers to engage with children and parents and to set and share work. Schools need to have an account with SeeSaw already.
- Apple Camera And Clips free video apps to make professional videos that use graphics, effects and more. These tools can be used to create short and simple flipped videos to send to your class.
- **Explain Everything** is an interactive app which can be used to create presentations, lessons and videos using drawing tools to illustrate or write a concept.
- **Purplemash** is available for free during the Coronavirus crisis. The site has resources for literacy and numeracy that can be pitched at many levels. <u>https://2simple.com/free-access/?campaign=3f314708-5ef0-11ea-9175-062a0562a518</u>
- Oxford Owl (accessed at https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/?fbclid=lwAR0UL4FTi_mfFl_n3E1CP3emL-) A range of free eBooks for 3 11 years. Parents and teachers can register for free.
- **Mashable** accessed at <u>https://mashable.com/2013/04/07/ebooks-for-</u> <u>children/?europe=true</u> 12 children's e-books which can be downloaded free of charge.
- NI Libraries can be accessed at <u>https://librariesniuk.overdrive.com/</u> The website offers free eBooks and eMagazines.
- Accelerated Reader (AR) is a reading management and monitoring programme that aims to foster independent reading. The internet-based software assesses reading age, and suggests books that match children's needs and interests. The children take computerised quizzes online once they complete the book. Please note, schools must have an account with Renaissance Learning in order to access this from home. This is not a free resource.
- Lexia is a spelling and reading programme. Schools must have an account before this can be used.
- Guided reading activities (attached) supplied by Michael O'Kane and shared on Twitter
 @learn_ni
- **INTO Film** can be accessed at <u>https://intofilm.org</u> have made member-facing activities freely available to all due to COVID-19. There are a range of primary age activities which include application of film knowledge, critical thinking and literacy skills.
- ICT Games are on-screen games for literacy and numeracy at <u>https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html</u>

- Number Fun-Free of charge for one month and accessed at https://parent.numberfunportal.com/free-account-page/ The portal contains over 200 song video presentations, accompanied by their respective resources for learning and teaching mathematics. There are four age ranges and nine themes in each age range to include: number and place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions, ratio and proportion; measurement; shape; position and direction; statistics; algebra; and, extras.
- **Time Tables Rock Stars** free full access during COVID-19 outbreak which can be accessed at <u>https://ttrockstars.com/page/covid19support</u>
- Learning by Questions accessed at <u>https://www.lbq.org/Blog/using-lbq-for-distance-learning</u> is offering a free 60 day evaluation account in light of COVID-19.
- **Primary Games** accessed at <u>https://www.primarygames.com/math.php</u> Free maths games.
- **Mathletics** is curriculum-aligned lessons and activities for numeracy. Schools must have an account before this can be used.
- Maths Puzzles and Problems for Years 3-7 (attached).
- **BBC Bitesize Primary** can be accessed at <u>https://bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary</u> have a range of activities across all areas of the Northern Ireland Curriculum.
- **BBC Super Movers-** free active learning programme for children in KS1 and KS2.
- **Topic based projects** which can be shared through online learning platforms, the school app or website <u>DKfindout.com</u> and <u>Natgeokids.com</u> are useful websites for research for a World Around Us project. Some schools have 'set' a project within Teams for groups of children to collaborate on e.g. research all about a country.
- Explorify which can be accessed at <u>https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk</u> Free resources to explore scientific concepts.
- Natural History Museum which can be accessed at
 <u>https://www.nhm.ac.uk/schools/teaching-resources.html</u> Free resources for the World
 Around Us programme.
- Scratch to develop interactive stories, games, and animations <u>https://scratch.mit.edu/ideas#</u>
- **Minecraft** <u>http://www.nicurriculum.org.uk/STEMWorks/minecraft/</u> CCEA resource using Minecraft to explore the Vikings.
- YouTube PE Skill School Progressive and age/stage relevant Primary PE Challenges and most can be done at home with few resources.
- **Go Noodle-** free resources with movement and mindfulness videos created by child development experts available at https://www.gonoodle.com
- YouTube Art for Kids Hub Weekly ideas to ensure progression and appreciation of primary school art.
- Tate Kids which can be accessed at <u>https://www.tate.org.uk/kids</u> to explore art and artists.

- The Kitchen Table Classroom: art and learning at home <u>https://www.kitchentableclassroom.com/best-virtual-gallery-tours/</u> Take a virtual tour of famous art galleries.
- **The Worldwide Art Gallery** accessed at <u>http://www.theartgallery.com.au/KidsArt.html</u> Children can submit their art work for publication.

Non-screen learning suggestions:

- Read a book.
- Practise your musical instrument e.g. recorder, piano, violin flute etc.
- Dance or enjoy some yoga stretches.
- Paint, draw or make a model from junk materials.
- Play board games such as Monopoly or Trivial Pursuit.
- Play card games such as Uno or Phase 10.
- Bake or cook.
- Go out into your garden and enjoy the fresh air- run, jump, skip, kick a ball, play tennis up against a wall.

Other online resources available for remote learning

- Scholastic are offering free resources from PreK and Kindergarten to Grades 6+ which can be accessed at http://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html Please note spelling is American but some lovely stories to listen to, word match activities, quizzes and information about authors.
- TTS are offering free downloadable activity books for 5- 7 years and 7 11 years at https://www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities.html
- Oliver Jeffers, the children's author from Belfast, has taken to the internet to do a live reading of one of his books each night and talking about where he got his ideas for the stories. The link to his readings can be found at <u>https://www.oliverjeffers.com/books#/abookaday/</u>

