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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you are well. These are very strange times for all of us. The most important thing is for everyone to stay safe.

We understand that this is a very stressful time for everyone. We know that many people are struggling with the situation we find ourselves in and that many of us may be coping with illness, worry, loss of jobs, working from home, looking after children or worrying about other family members.

We understand how difficult it must be to be at home and not be able to let your children out to play. We know it must also be a very worrying time for young children.

We certainly do not want to add to that worry or stress in any way. The teachers have created work packs for the children that have been posted to your home address. **THESE DO NOT HAVE TO BE DONE. They are only suggestions and it is totally up to you if you want to use them.**

All teachers including support teachers have set up Google Classrooms for their pupils. This is an online classroom where teachers send pupils activities to do online. Teachers have invited their pupils to join their Google Classroom. This is a great way to keep in touch with the children.

If your child has not already done so, they can join their teacher's Google Classroom by following these steps…

- Go to www.stthomas.ie
- Select "Kids' Zone"
- Select "Google Classroom"
- Pupils must log in with their school account (This is the same username and password they use to log into the Chromebooks in school. If they don't know it please email info@stthomas.ie and we will send it to you)
- Select "Join" to join the teacher's Google Classroom
- Please email info@stthomas.ie if your child has any difficulties joining their teacher's Google Classroom

If that's not enough, we have also set up a separate Google Classroom called **"St. Thomas' Classroom"** for all pupils in the school with lots more fun activities.

If your child has not already done so, they can join the "St. Thomas' Classroom" by following these steps…

- Go to www.stthomas.ie
- Select "Kids' Zone"
- Select "Google Classroom"
- Pupils must log in with their school account (This is the same username and password they use to log into the Chromebooks in school. If they don't know it please email info@stthomas.ie and we will send it to you)
- Select the + sign
- Select "Join Class"
- Enter Code **s6tbaa7**
- Select "Join"

As well as Google Classroom there are also lots of other educational websites on our school website www.stthomas.ie in the "Kids' Zone" section for the children to access, including Reading Eggs and Mathletics. All children have usernames and passwords. If you need your child's username and password please email info@stthomas.ie and we will get back to you as soon as possible. **Again, all of these are only suggestions and we understand that not everyone will have access to a device or be able to access the internet.**

The most important thing is to look after yourselves and keep safe.

Kind Regards,

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Eithne O Shea

(On behalf of Staff and Board of Management)