

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hello from all the staff at St. Martin de Porres NS. We hope you are all well and taking care of yourselves and your loved ones at this difficult time.

We understand the challenges facing families regarding home learning and we wanted to help. A period of adjustment has been necessary for us all, however we have been working hard to pool our knowledge together and put together some ideas for you to try out at home with the children. This new Home Learning Hub contains a number of resources that you may find useful over the course of the coming weeks in helping your children to learn at home. Please remember that the work is optional, but for the sake of maintaining routine and structure, we would encourage engaging, in so far as is possible, with some of the suggestions provided here.

All areas of the curriculum are covered and most are presented in the form of Choice Boards so that the children have a varied menu of activities to choose from. There are also links to some fantastic website that will help to enhance learning.

We hope you find these suggestions useful. If you have any questions regarding the work or require additional support, please feel free to email us at [smdpnsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:smdpnsoffice@gmail.com)...we're here to help. Also, if you come across any other great ideas, please let us know and we will share them on our school website, [www.smdpns.com](http://www.smdpns.com).

Don't forget also to make the most of this family time together. Cuddle up together, read together, watch a movie, build a fort, bake, do a puzzle. Though this is a scary time, it could very well be a time they remember as the best time in their life!

Stay safe and know that we are thinking of all our wonderful pupils.

Best wishes,

*The Principal & Teachers of St. Martin de Porres NS ☺*

**Note:** Up to date information on Covid-19 is now available in many different languages <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/partner-resources/covid-19-translated-resources/>