Dear Parents

We hope that you are all well during these strange times. Although we are not in our normal routine, in that the children are not attending usual Sgoil-Àraich sessions, it is still important that your child continues to engage in their learning at home.

Here are some fantastic resources available online should you wish to use them:

[www.gaelic4parents.com](http://www.gaelic4parents.com) - Gaelic4parents has many different sections from audio books and singing to fun crafting activities.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcs3ixKQP3lpMekE7Qsyp5w> - This is the link to The Gaelic books councils Youtube Channel where Linda MacLeod (Leugh le Linda) does a livestream of singing and stories every Thursday morning at 10am.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtyJXDybADjclmlQ8_WUyEg> - Gaelic Nursery books and Songs is another Youtube channel where you will find simple songs and stories being read.

[www.storlann.co.uk](http://www.storlann.co.uk) – Stòrlann has lots of different links to useful websites and resources that may be helpful to you.

[www.gaidhlig-nan-og.scot](http://www.gaidhlig-nan-og.scot) – Is a new Gaidhlig Early Years resource from Stòrlann, which we would very much recommend to you.

BBC Alba – From 5-7pm, BBC Alba show different children’s programmes that will help to continue and develop your child’s Gaidhlig language skills. Baile Mhuilinn is especially good for those going to school and will help with letter formation. A’ Bhùth will help with Mathematics. These are also available on BBC iPlayer.

Of course with this fantastic weather we are experiencing what better way to develop learning and daily exercise than using our outdoor environment! Whilst still adhering to social distancing measures of course!

None of these activities are compulsory, however if you are continuing with your children’s learning we would really appreciate you sharing any photos or videos which can be sent to the school e-mail address: [**sirescottschool@gnes.net**](mailto:sirescottschool@gnes.net)**.** We will then transfer this information into the your child’s learning journey folder.

Key workers will be in touch individually soon to discuss a convenient way of keeping in touch with you and the children. If you have any concerns or need to speak to Sgoil-Àraich staff, please don’t hesitate to contact us on 01859 502 960. Staff are currently in the Sgoil- Àraich Monday – Thursday between 8.45am and 4pm.

Moving forward in supporting you and the children with home learning, we intend to offer short interactive weekly sessions, possibly 10-15 minutes per week where we can engage with small groups of children through vscene. We also intend to set up a social medium platform for us to be able to communicate on a weekly basis with you. More about this in the next week or so when we have received the necessary IT training to be able to do this. In the meantime, if you don’t have the technology available to be able to engage with us, please let us know.

Your sincerely

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