

Welcome To 'My Covid19 Time Capsule Workbook'

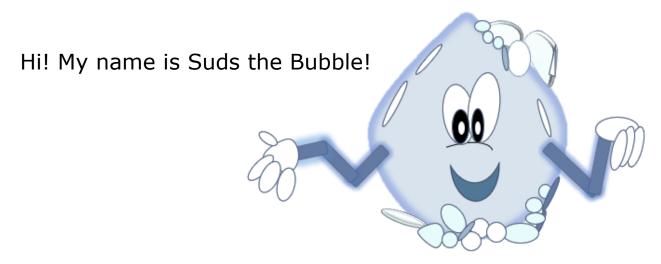


Dear Parent,

During this time of crisis, we hope this child friendly workbook is helpful to you. It is designed for you and your child during this global pandemic to take stock of how things are now.

We hope this workbook provides some fun ideas and activities you can do either individually with your child or as a family!

As the workbook is being completed, it can also be helpful to talk about any thoughts or feelings about **COVID-19** that may arise!



I have come to talk to you about something you may have heard of called **'The Coronavirus'** also known as **Covid-19.**

Have you heard of it?

Some of my friends do not know what it is and some of them are afraid of it. They also have loads of questions like; Why am I not in school anymore? Why were there no parades on St Patrick's Day? Why are people buying so much stuff in the supermarkets?

Do you have questions like these?

I also want to help you make something fun while **COVID-19** is here. I am going to help you make a **Time Capsule**! Maybe you can ask someone like your mum or dad or aunt or friend to help you with this?



COVID-19 is a virus that is cousins with the flu or the cold.

It really likes to travel so it has been all around the world!

Sometimes adults and children get worried when they see it on the TV and on the Internet. But once you know what the Coronavirus is and what you can do, this will help you worry less.

Why people worry about **COVID-19** is that is makes people feel unwell.

It does that by making people cough or making it hard to breathe or giving people a fever.



But the good news is that it does not stay for long and most people will get better.

More good news is you can use me to help fight **COVID-19!**



Did you know if you wash your hands with warm water and soap until you get bubbles or suds (these are my friends) you can stop **COVID-19** from getting to you and other people!



While you wash you can sing a song! Try singing Happy Birthday or The Alphabet Song or any song you like. Just be sure to take your time!

> If you do this while Doctors and Scientists look for a Vaccine, you can help me fight **COVID-19**!



Do you know what else you can do to help make sure to stay safe at this time?



You can stay a **<u>safe distance</u>** away from friends and others. This will help stop **COVID-19** from travelling from you to other people.



So, what can we do while we stay safe away from big groups like school and parties? We can make a **Time Capsule**!



A **Time Capsule** is a container that holds present day items, such as photos, newspapers, letters and more.

It is often hidden away somewhere for your grown-up self or someone special to open. Who would that someone special be? You can put their name below!

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Want to hide it for a year? Five? Ten? There is no time limit! The rules are all up to you. Shoeboxes are great for indoor safekeeping, while weather-resistant boxes are best for the outdoors.





How to Make Your Covid-19 Time Capsule

1. Choose Your Container

To make your very own **Time Capsule**, first you will have to choose a container in which to store it. Choosing your container depends on how long you are planning on keeping it hidden. If you are going to hide it in the house you can use a shoebox, large cereal box or a plastic box. But if you are going to hide it outside, you will need something that will last even if it rains. Maybe a glass jar or a tin/wooden box would work.

2. Decide Where You Will Store It

You can hide your box in a storage closet behind other items. An attic, cupboard or garages are also great locations. You want to hide your **Time Capsule** somewhere where others will not find it!

For outdoor safekeeping, make sure this is secured before hiding or storing your box outside. Bury your **Time Capsule** in a garden under dirt where little to no rain hits, or in a garden shed. You could also ask a friend or family member to hold on to the container for you.

3. Decorate Your Time Capsule

Next, decorate your container! You can cover it with stickers, glitter, or anything you like!



4. Gather What You Would Like To Put In The Time Capsule For Your Future Self

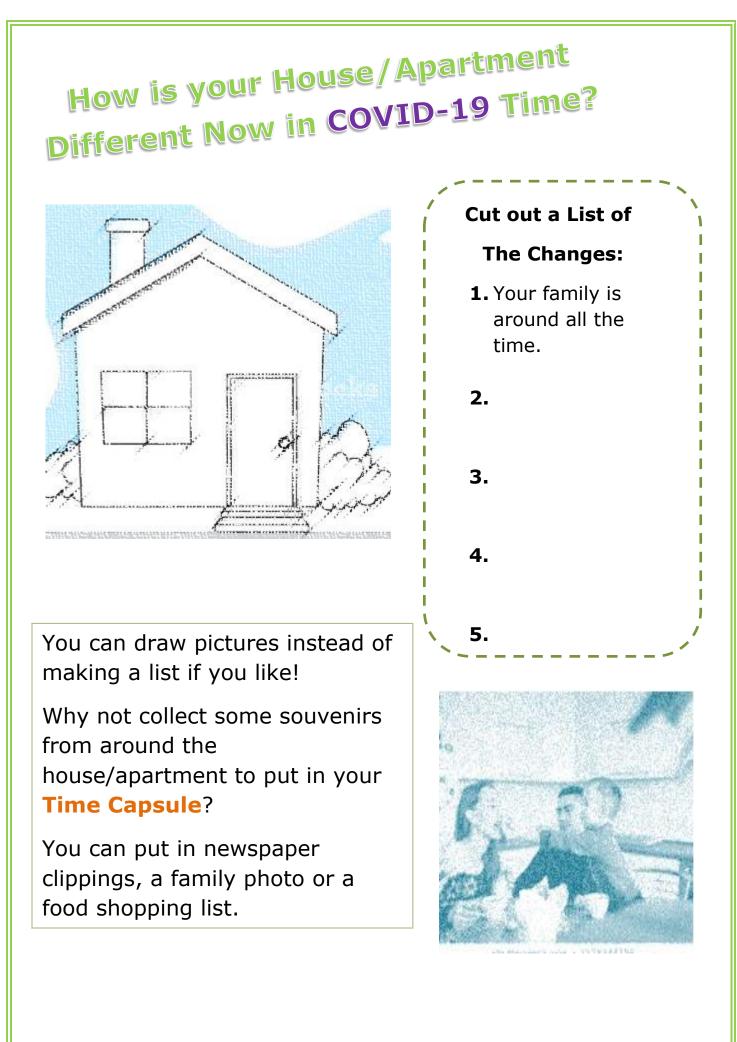
Now that you have your container, it is time to fill it up! You can put whatever you like inside it.

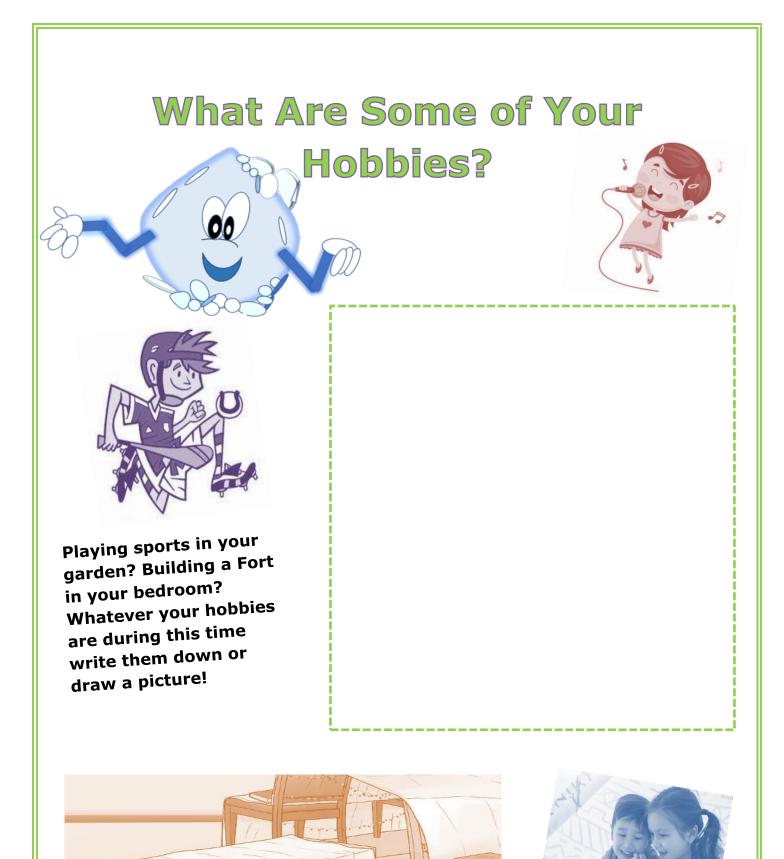
Maybe you can put in things that remind your teenage self, grown-up self or other people, what **COVID-19** is doing to Ireland right now.

I will give you some ideas to get you started!











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How is School Different

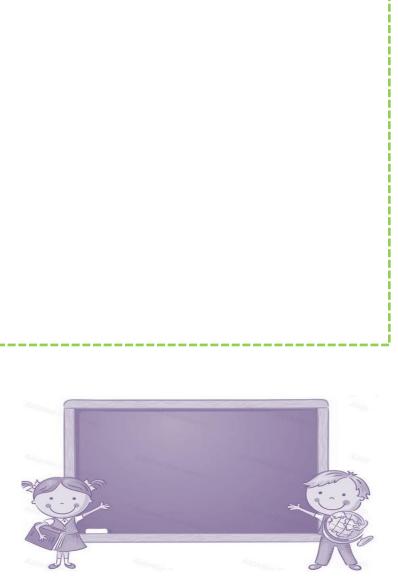
Now?



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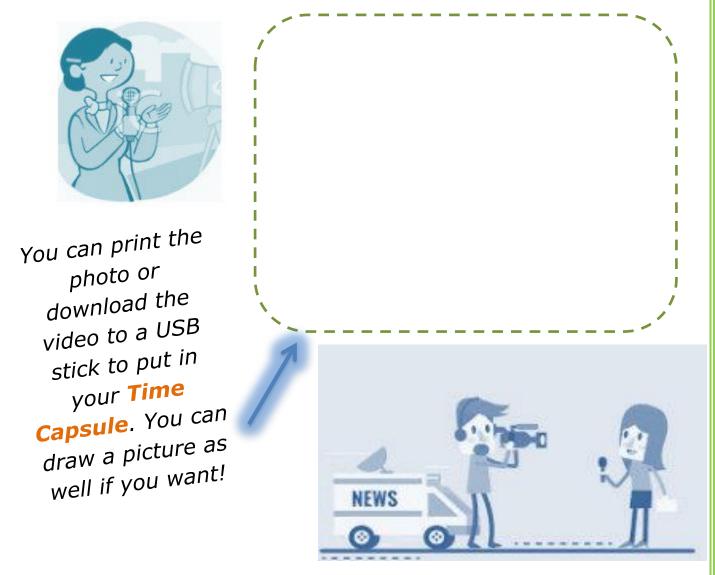
Can you tell or show your teenage or grown-up self what school is like right now?







Why not ask your parent or older brother/sister to be a news reporter! Ask them to take a picture or video of you talking about what it was like when school was closed or what is happening at home because of **COVID-19**. You can be a reporter from Ireland or a reporter from a different country!



Corona and Creativity Collage Time!

If Corona were a Creature, What Would it Look like?



I got some friends to draw examples of what they think the creature looks like!

Can you draw or paint <u>your</u> Corona Creature?







Can you make a clay or playdo figure to remind you of this **COVID-19** time?

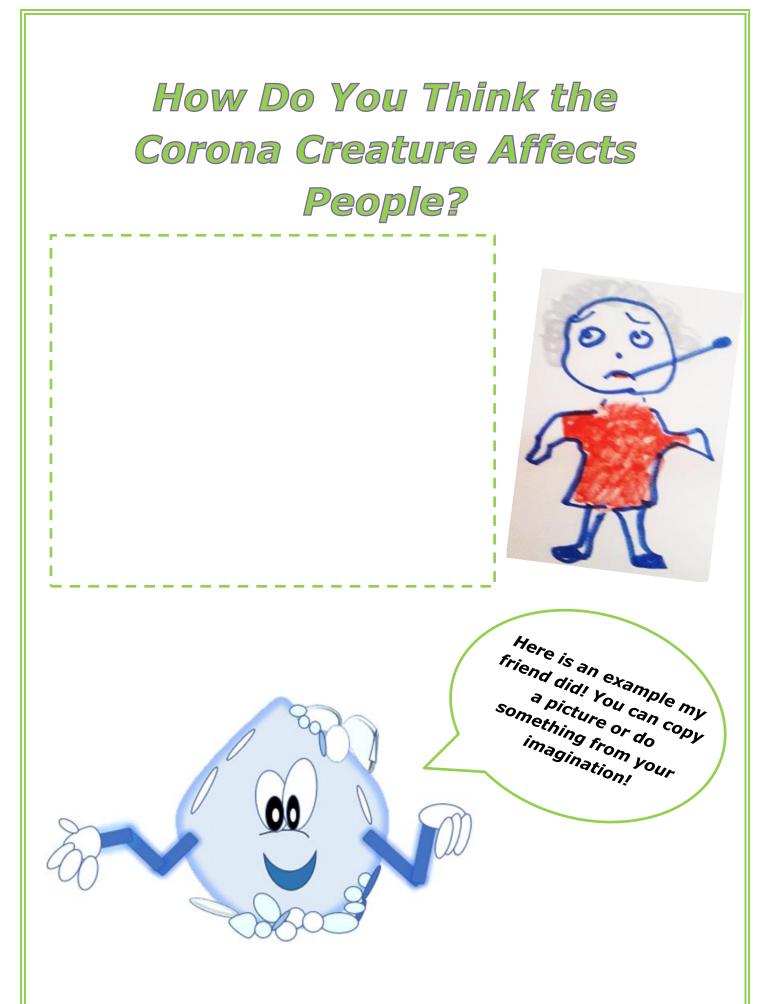
Once it dries you can paint and decorate it, then put it in your **Time Capsule**!

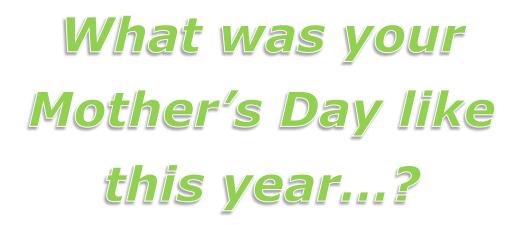
Can you Create your own COVID-19 Art?



You can create a collage like the one above or just one big picture! You can use colouring pencils, charcoal, paint or crayons, colour paper, glitter, or stickers! You can also cut out from magazines, newspapers, or old books. What ideas do you have?







Can you make a Mother's Day Card to put into your **Time Capsule**? You can write a message inside telling what you did for Mother's Day 2020! Who did you spend it with? What did you do? You can also make a card for your Dad or your brother or sister if you would like!



Easter Day in Ireland 2020

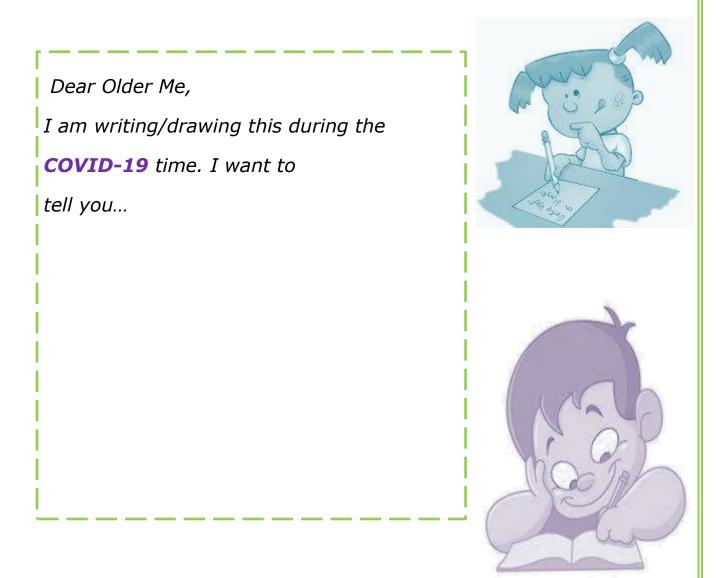


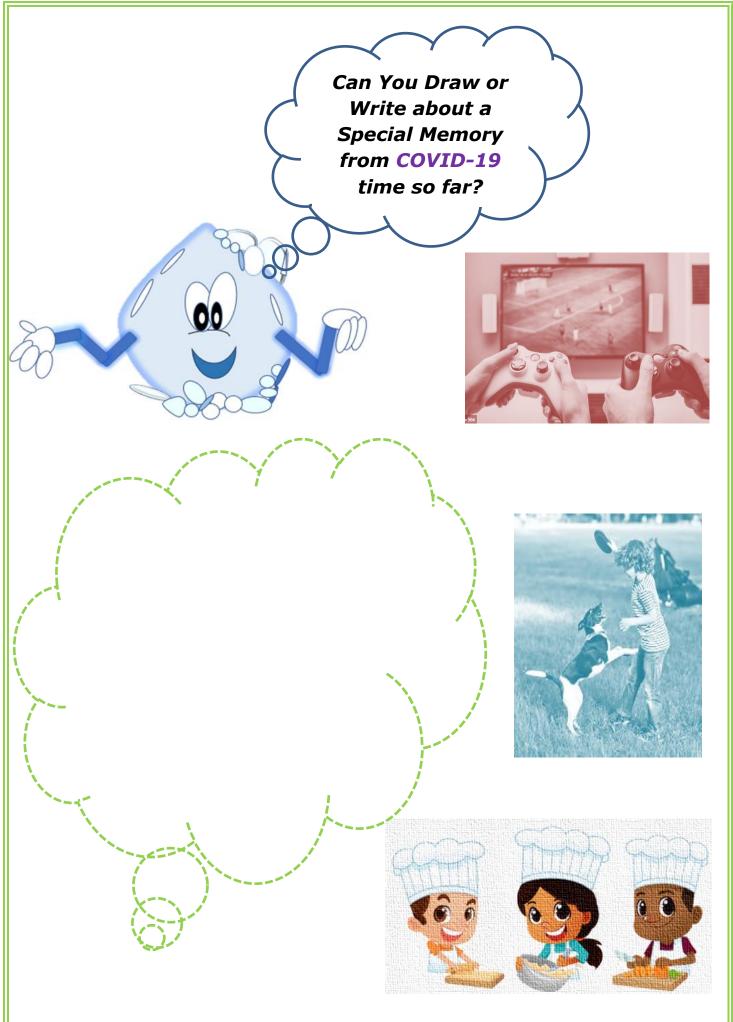
Luckily The Easter Bunny is not affected by **COVID-19**! Can you draw a picture of the Easter Bunny OR your favourite Easter egg?

If you still have Easter egg or sweet wrappers left over, you can put them in to the **Time Capsule** as well!

An Average Day in COVID-19 Time...

Can you write a letter or draw a picture to your grown-up self to show what your new routine is like? Maybe you get up later in the morning? Tell your future self all about it!







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