

# Special Schools Are Using...

While some special schools are using An Post to deliver work to students, as this may be deemed more suitable in some cases, other schools have found some of the following resources to be of benefit for students with Mild GLD at primary and post-primary level:

**Study Ladder:** <https://www.studyladder.com/>

Study ladder can be used for Mathematics, English, Science and more! It is described as a comprehensive program of online educational activities for students aged 4 to 12, mapped to the curriculum. Parents can learn how Study Ladder works at home during school closures.

**Edmodo:** <https://go.edmodo.com/about/>

Edmodo is an educational website that takes the ideas of a social network and refines them and makes it appropriate for a classroom. Using Edmodo, students and teachers can reach out to one another and connect by sharing ideas, problems, and helpful tips.

Edmodo like ClassDojo can be used for sending work home to students/parents. Videos, websites, pdf doc etc can all be shared. A teacher could upload individualised work per student if that was wanted. A booklet of work could be sent or a page could be sent and the student/parent could complete the question on a copy, photo the solution and upload it for assessment. It is free.

**StudyClix:** <https://www.studyclix.ie/>

Studyclix contains Leaving Cert and Junior Cert exam paper questions and marking schemes listed by topic. Studyclix also have videos working through exam questions etc. Foundation Maths JC is included.

**Educoot:** <https://educoot.org/infoeducootcom> or <https://educoot.org/free-stuff>

This is a commercial website used by many special schools for education resources for literacy, numeracy, digital literacy, life skills, employment skills & more. Click on the links below to some of their free samples.

<https://educoot.org/infoeducootcom> for samples (hover over the booklets and features appear!)

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Level 1 examples:

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53e7dd4fe4b0fb1fc62c318a/t/5c3dfea270a6ade6bd583b92/1547566761104/Sample Nonverbal Communication 1.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53e7dd4fe4b0fb1fc62c318a/t/5c3dfea270a6ade6bd583b92/1547566761104/Sample+Nonverbal+Communication+1.pdf)

Level 2 examples:

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53e7dd4fe4b0fb1fc62c318a/t/5cdeb0a0fb8dcb000193a855/1558098101160/Sample Quantity Number 2.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53e7dd4fe4b0fb1fc62c318a/t/5cdeb0a0fb8dcb000193a855/1558098101160/Sample+Quantity+Number+2.pdf)

Level 3 examples:

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53e7dd4fe4b0fb1fc62c318a/t/5bf5ff13f950b75bc49796fc/1542848292100/Sample Maths 3 2018.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53e7dd4fe4b0fb1fc62c318a/t/5bf5ff13f950b75bc49796fc/1542848292100/Sample+Maths+3+2018.pdf)

Level 4 example:

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53e7dd4fe4b0fb1fc62c318a/t/5a4a9ccf652deacfabfc1f82/1514839253122/Sample WPS 4.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53e7dd4fe4b0fb1fc62c318a/t/5a4a9ccf652deacfabfc1f82/1514839253122/Sample+WPS+4.pdf)

## JCSP

Many special schools are familiar with the Junior Certificate Schools Programme Website.

Maths Workbooks:

[http://www.jcsp.ie/resource\\_category/view/1400](http://www.jcsp.ie/resource_category/view/1400)

History WW1 workbook:

[http://www.jcsp.ie/resource\\_category/view/3567](http://www.jcsp.ie/resource_category/view/3567)

Also booklet for of Mice and Men Novel:

<http://www.jcsp.ie/resources/c/10/511/Of%20Mice%20and%20Men%20March%202020%281%29.doc>

Letter writing booklet:

[https://www.pdst.ie/sites/default/files/7590\\_Letter\\_Writing\\_Book.pdf](https://www.pdst.ie/sites/default/files/7590_Letter_Writing_Book.pdf)

**NALA:** <https://www.nala.ie/publications/page/3/?category=literacy-and-numeracy-workbooks>

The National Adult Literacy Agency is an independent charity committed to ensuring that people with literacy and numeracy difficulties have access to learning opportunities and can fully participate in society. These resources could be used and adapted by teachers in special schools for students with Mild General Learning needs. This booklet contains a series of practical activities that people of all ages can engage in, helping to build their literacy and numeracy skills. The booklet demonstrates how to practice reading, writing and math skills with a student, in a fun and colourful way

**NALA Maths Workbooks:**

<https://www.nala.ie/publications/literacy-numeracy/>

<https://www.nala.ie/publications/time-4-learning-numeracy-workbook/>

<https://www.nala.ie/publications/brushing-up-a-maths-workbook-section-1/>

<https://www.nala.ie/publications/brushing-up-a-maths-workbook-working-towards-level-2/>

**NALA English handwriting resource:**

<https://www.nala.ie/publications/handwriting-book/>

<https://www.nala.ie/publications/putting-pen-to-paper-writing-workbook/>

<https://www.nala.ie/publications/brushing-up-improve-your-spelling-grammar-and-punctuation/>

**Cross Curricular NALA resources:**

<https://www.nala.ie/publications/the-really-useful-guide-to-words-and-numbers-learner-workbook-1/>

The workbook contains information, worksheets and exercises to practice your reading and writing skills.

<https://www.nala.ie/publications/move-with-literacy-integrating-literacy-with-sports/>

This resource has been designed to be used by adult literacy students and their tutors as well as adult and youth educators who lead sport and physical activity. Move with Literacy contains lots of information and fun literacy and numeracy activities about many of the sports and physical activities that we take part in.

NALA (EOSL resources)

<https://www.nala.ie/publications/esol-materials-and-resources-workbook/>

<https://www.nala.ie/publications/esol-resource-book/>

**Stories for the Classroom:**

<http://www.icsp.ie/resources/c/10/159/Hires%20FINAL%20Files%20Stories%20for%20the%20Classroom.pdf>

Stories for the Classroom is a wonderful classroom resource for 1st year. It is designed to be used in the classroom on the whiteboard. There are 33 stories, one per week with exercises at the end of each story.

**Flashmaster App:** <https://flashmaster.com/free-app>

The free FlashMaster App with no ads or offers closely imitates the operation and appearance of the handheld FlashMaster and that, once downloaded, can be used without a connection to the internet. The app can accommodate 30 users on a single tablet and maintain, print and email lifetime results for them. The app can be downloaded to inexpensive Amazon tablets from the Amazon Appstore and to Android tablets and some new Chromebooks with touch-sensitive displays from the Google Play Store.

**Maths-Aids:** <https://www.math-aids.com/>

Maths worksheets

**IXL:** <https://ie.ixl.com/>

Some special schools already had ixl accounts and are using this during school closure. One benefit is that it omits the primary school class levels. Adaptive and Individualised. Primary and Secondary. IXL is currently free.

**Secondary Maths. The World of David Walliams:** <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

Free audio book resources daily for the school closure period

**EdPuzzle:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CknoTfABupY&feature=youtu.be>

The videoclip created by JCT shows the use of Edpuzzle for L1L2 teachers.

### JCSP Woodwork study booklets

<http://www.jcsp.ie/resources/c/10/507/Woodwork%201%20English%20web.doc>  
<http://www.jcsp.ie/resources/c/10/508/Woodwork%202%20English.doc>

### AdaptiveWorksheets.com

This website allows parents and teachers to create their own worksheets or print existing worksheets. Not all of their resources are free, but the resources listed here are: <http://www.adaptiveworksheets.com/free.html>

### UcanDo.org:

UcanDo.org provides resources for helping students focus on the skills and strengths they possess through guided self-assessments. <http://www.ucando.org/kids.html>

### American Literacy League: <https://www.adultliteracyleague.org/resources/>

The following is a list of FREE websites that can help you supplement or even plan your lessons – whether you're working with an ABE (Adult Basic Education) student or an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) student.

### Google Classroom and Seesaw

These are also popular with many special schools

## Other Resources Possibly of Help:

**California Dept of Ed** Resources to help support students with disabilities complete tasks and assignments and adjust to new routines in the transition to distance learning. <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/appendix1.asp#four>

**American Federation of teachers (Teacher's Union)** Resources for students with disabilities:

<https://sharemylesson.com/collections/free-online-resources-educators-parents-and-students#free-online-resources-for-students-with-disabilities>