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Good morning everyone,

We now find ourselves in February and the little stretch in the evening is very welcoming. We have another week to go before mid-term when we can all recharge the batteries.

In this period of 'Lockdown' you will have noticed how our approach to remote learning has changed.

Our teachers are now engaging pupils with instructional video recordings, voice messages, Teams Meetings all of which are viewed in conjunction with the work overview.

This has been very intense for all concerned - so well done to our teachers, classroom assistants, parents, pupils, secretaries and caretakers for coping with all challenges and working hard to overcome them.

Completion of school work

In ordinary times school attendance is very important and this would be monitored very closely. This is also the case now during this period of 'Home learning'. The Department of Education has directed us to record a child who is not engaging as absent from school.

We identify engagement via each of these:

- Pupil uploads of requested work on Seesaw
- Pupil completion of assigned Mathletics tasks
- Pupil completion of assigned Bug Club books
- Alternative work arrangement agreed between teacher and parent for a specific reason

Have a nice weekend everyone,

From all in St. Clare's Abbey