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Dear parents/guardians,

We hope you and family are keeping well.

As we continue to provide online learning for your children, I want to assure you that the staff of Our Lady's are doing their very best to provide as well-rounded and robust a curriculum, as is possible. We know that nothing can replace face-to-face teaching and we are also aware that the task you have at home in accommodating the learning for your child, is so important and is also very difficult. Having spoken to quite a few parents over the last few weeks, I take this opportunity to remind you that the best way to get through this period of home-schooling is to have a good routine in place.

The number of children coming into school for childcare has increased over the last few weeks. In order to accommodate these numbers, we have had to reshuffle our staff rota. **Each teacher will now cover childcare in school on one day per week. This means that whilst they are in school, our staff are not available for online teaching.** On this one day a week, your child will be engaged online through a series of creative activities posted on Seesaw.

I can assure you that we as a staff, are working extremely hard and we really do have the best interests of your child at heart. I see this on a personal level when I am talking to the teachers about their class. We are also conscious of the fact that you are flat out, doing your best to help your child, which can be very challenging at times. We want to thank you for all that you are doing. Please do not be afraid to take some time away from Seesaw, if it is getting too much. We all need to accept the current pressures we are under, and it is 'ok' to take a break! **Mid-term break runs from 15 - 19 February. We do not expect any family to be home-schooling during this week and our staff will be stepping away from all things school, to enjoy a well-earned rest.**

New work packs for the children, will be available for collection on Monday and Tuesday 22 & 23 February. Details will follow. Thank you again for all you are doing at home. Keep well and keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

Emer Hughes