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Dear Colleagues

As we approach the end of another year and the season of Christmas can I take the opportunity to thank you all for your hard work and support you give the department. I think we all realise and recognise that the educational environment is challenging at the moment however, when we all just stop and take a moment to reflect on; the fantastic work going on in our schools, the opportunities we provide for our students, along with the confidence and self-worth we try to instil in them (when perhaps others don't) we know why we became teachers and leaders. We will of course have challenges again next year and we know that for us as a Diocese we will be reflecting on how we move forward. We have almost established full representation on the working party. The 31st January and the 1st March have been set aside for the working party to meet with an aim to come up with a recommendation and way forward at the end of the two days. Full membership will be shared as soon as we are able which is now likely to be at the start of next year.

In the meantime, on behalf of the department may I wish you all a very restful break and having an Irish ancestry may I end with an Irish saying for you to reflect on:

'May your hearth be warm, your holidays grand, and your heart held gently in the good Lord's hand.'

Best wishes

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