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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families had a lovely Christmas, despite the restrictions, and I hope 2021 will be a better year for us all.

As you are aware, because of huge transmission levels of COVID-19 in the community, we will be teaching remotely for the month of January.

Class teachers will be uploading work for the week through Class Dojo before 9:20am each Monday. Included in the work will be curriculum links and resources to enable your child engage with his/her learning. We ask that Class Dojo is only to be used for child's schoolwork. Your class teacher will provide a work email address next Monday and this is to be used if you need to contact them with any questions or queries. Your teacher will be accessible via email for the duration of each school day (9:20 to 3pm).

Class teachers asked children to bring home books before the break for the holidays. I'm aware that some children may have forgotten to do so or may be missing certain books needed for remote learning. We can organise for children to collect books but at the moment this is too risky. Please email your teacher on Monday if your child is missing any books. In the meantime, all books can be accessed online and teachers will share links next week.

As well as being able to contact class teachers via email during school hours, please contact the school via email at ballinamuckschool@gmail.com for any additional support, questions or concerns and we will get back to you.

We completely understand the difficulties that each household may have trying to juggle work commitments and to oversee their child's engagement in his/her learning. Class teachers and support teachers will be checking in on each family each week to provide support and to get feedback on how children are managing their workload. All we expect is for each child to try their best and engage with their learning as best they can given the circumstances.

Again, I would like to thank you all for your continued patience and co-operation in these challenging times. Above all, it is important to stay safe and healthy and strike a balance between work, play and well-being for you and your child.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,
Damien McIntyre
School Principal