



Young Mothers' Provision School Referral Pack

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referral to the YMP
at Baldragon Academy**



YOUNG MOTHERS PROVISION **SCHOOL REFERRAL PACK**

This booklet contains all the information you need to make a referral to the Young Mothers Provision. Please keep this master copy for future use and dispose of any previous versions. Additional School Referral Packs, Leaflets and Placing Requests etc. are all available to download from our website.

<http://baldragon.ea.dundee.city.sch.uk/our-school/departments/Pupil-Support/Young-Mothers-Provision>

This pack contains:

- General information relating to the YMP.
- Information Sheet – explains the Provision Referral Process and the actions to be undertaken by each school.
- DCC Protocol for pregnant school pupils.
- Sample Young Mothers' Provision Placing Request.
- Leaflets useful to staff, prospective pupils, parents and carers.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Provision for further information on 435684.

Please keep this folder where it can be easily accessed by appropriate staff.

Dundee Education Young Mothers' Provision Baldragon Academy

Introduction

The Young Mothers' Provision (YMP) is housed in Baldragon Academy. The girls have a dedicated learning base within the school. The Principal Teacher of Guidance (YMP) and Young Mothers' Support Worker (YMSW), both fulltime members of Baldragon staff, look after the educational, pastoral and support needs of the girls and their babies. Girls in the YMP are enrolled as pupils in Baldragon Academy and as a result come off the roll of their previous schools.

The Nursery and childcare provision is part of the nearby Jessie Porter Nursery where a specific baby room is managed by a Senior Early Years Practitioner and has a small team of staff.

Referrals

Upon identification of a pregnant schoolgirl, the guidance teacher / named person is responsible to ensure the wellbeing of the pregnant pupil. All available support should be discussed, including a possible referral to the Young Mothers' Provision within Baldragon Academy. At this point staff can make pregnant schoolgirls aware of the YMP and the support it offers. Information leaflets are included in this pack.

For statistical purposes a referral should immediately be made to the Young Mothers' Support Worker (YMSW), at Baldragon, following the Dundee City Council Protocol regarding pregnant school pupils. (see page 6)

It is the role of the YMSW at Baldragon to liaise with the pregnant young person and their current school to ensure all information regarding the YMP is made available. The YMSW will arrange a meeting with the guidance teacher and young person (and possibly the parent, dependent on the young person's wishes). Alternatively, where appropriate, a home visit will be offered to explain and discuss all available options and literature provided.

Visits can then be arranged by the YMSW with the pupil/family to the YMP at Baldragon. The purpose of the visit is to show the facilities, meet the staff and discuss the support available at Baldragon to pregnant schoolgirls, young mothers and their babies. Baldragon staff then liaise with the nursery HT and SEYP to include a visit to the under threes provision at Jessie Porter Nursery.

Following the visit and assuming that there is agreement for a move to Baldragon, the YMSW will support placing request procedures. Links will be made by the PT Guidance at Baldragon with the referring Guidance Teacher to identify subject choices / levels and all other relevant information.

The pupils existing school will complete a Young Mothers Placing Request and forward for the attention of the DHT at Baldragon. Once a start date is established, transport will be provided.

Assistance will be provided during all aspects of the transition should the young person choose to proceed. The best interests of the pregnant pupil and their unborn baby will always be of paramount importance.

Nursery provision

To provide as routine an education as possible in the context of Baldragon Academy for each of the young mothers, a fully staffed nursery facility will be provided for the babies within the nearby Jessie Porter Nursery. Nursery provision will routinely be available until the mother leaves school. This can include both baby room and the two year old room in some cases.

Specific classes are arranged for the girls, for example in childcare, nutrition, baby sensory, swimming, etc. At lunchtime, the girls have queue priority in the cafeteria and once they have eaten, they are expected to go to the Nursery and spend time with their babies. There is also flexibility for mums to visit their babies during the school day. Girls leave class five minutes early at the end of the day to allow them to leave by taxi to collect their children from Jessie Porter Nursery.

Aims of the YMP

The YMP aims to address a situation which exists whereby a young person still in education becomes pregnant. Not all schoolgirls will choose to transfer to the YMP and have the option of remaining in their existing school, or, if they are of school leaving age may choose to leave school. However, what the YMP offers is an opportunity for a pregnant schoolgirl to continue with her education in a specifically designed environment with hopefully all the supports she will need in place to allow this.

YMP pupils follow a slightly reduced timetable which enables them to focus more on specific subjects and extracurricular lessons and activities. This usually means doing one less subject.

This can be a very positive situation given that attendance is often badly affected by maternity leave and this allows pupils to catch up on missed work, homework and revision. The specific extra-curricular activities are arranged wherever possible around these times.

In general, the YMP aims to offer a service which allows a pregnant schoolgirl to continue her education with as little disruption as possible whilst delivering the extra support required in this type of situation. The ideal scenario being where a girl leaves school with as many qualifications as possible, a future career pathway in place and the knowledge that her child has benefited enormously from excellent childcare provision.

Strengths

- Breadth of curriculum.
- Flexibility of curriculum
- Pastoral Provision
- Socialisation within a mainstream setting
- Peer group support within YMP
- Excellent and experienced childcare

Development Needs

- To enhance the alternative curriculum available
- To improve links with outside agencies
- Appropriate CPD
- To promote the success of YMP

Questions

Any questions regarding the YMP should be addressed to the PT Guidance (YMP) at Baldragon Academy 01382 436170 (main school number), or directly to Mrs Honeyman on 436196 or Miss King on 435684.

These arrangements are subject to regular review and amendment, if necessary.

Dundee City Council Protocol – Pregnant School Pupils

Under 16 Years Old

On receiving information that a pupil under the age of 16 is pregnant, a referral **MUST** be made to the ERW at Baldragon Academy. This referral is necessary for three reasons:

- 1. Child Protection**
- 2. Referral to Young Mothers' Provision**
- 3. Statistical Recording**

Child Protection guidelines must also be adhered to.

16 Years Old and Over

It is **STILL** in the young person's best interests to be referred to the ERW at Baldragon on the basis that they have a right to be informed about the Young Mothers' Provision. The referral also gives the authority vital statistical information which can be used to target future support.

Please be assured that confidentiality will be maintained.

YMP

It is important that **ALL** pregnant schoolgirls, regardless of age, have the opportunity to visit the YMP to enable them to make informed choices for themselves and their children. This would be best achieved if staff encourage **ALL** pregnant girls to visit the provision and talk to YMP staff and pupils to directly hear the support available.



This form should be completed by the Head Teacher of the school which the pupil currently attends. Its purpose is to provide the information that will allow appropriate provision to be made for the girl. The completed form, together with the attendance print-out and coursing information, should be e-mailed to baldragonacademy@dundeeschools.scot for the attention of the Depute Head Teacher, Mrs Lowe. (Young Mothers' Provision).

Pupil's name:	D.O.B.	Year:
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Present School:

Attendance (% absence):	Current session:
	Previous session:

ASN :
C.S.P :
T.A.T.C:
Free School Meals:
Agencies involved with the pupil: (e.g. D.E.P.S., S.W.D., C.P.)
Name of Agency Worker:

Subjects being followed at National Level (indicate which level) or Higher:		
1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.

Any other relevant information: (Add additional sheet/s for information if necessary)	
Name of school contact who can provide more information:	
Position:	School:
Head Teacher's Signature:	Date:

Young Mothers' Provision Referral Process



**Pregnant?
Still at school?**



**Baldragon Academy
Young Mothers'
Provision**

**Offer you supported education
and childcare.**

We can help you.

**For more information;
informal visit on your own
or with parents/guidance teacher:**

Contact: 436196/435684

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