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Dear Parent/Carer

#### Term 4 Update

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well during these extremely difficult and unprecedented times.

I am writing to offer a brief update regarding our plans, as they currently stand, for after the Easter holiday.

#### St Paul's Academy Community Support Centre (CSC)

Until further notice, the Baldragon Academy school building is closed. Baldragon Academy has been allocated to the St Paul's Academy Community Support Centre (CSC). We will be operating from there, from 13 April 2020 to support targeted young people based on strict Scottish Government criteria only.

#### Communication between school and home

Please note, due to Baldragon Academy being closed, our school telephone numbers are not in use. Therefore, we have new and alternative ways in which families can contact us during our school building closure:

- **Groupcall Xpressions:** this is our exciting and new service to help make home-school communication easier, more effective and more accessible. Xpressions is completely free of charge to you. The Xpressions App can be installed on your Apple iOS or Android phone. Download the app at [www.parents.groupcall.com](http://www.parents.groupcall.com) and register using the mobile phone number and email address that you have given to our school. Alternatively, Xpressions is accessible on any internet browser on your computer, laptop or mobile device at [www.xpressions.groupcall.com](http://www.xpressions.groupcall.com). Please note, you must keep your personal details up to date with our school. Furthermore, this method will soon become our main source of communication with all parents.
- **Emailing:** general enquiries can be emailed to [baldragon@dundee.gov.uk](mailto:baldragon@dundee.gov.uk).
- **Glow/Microsoft Teams:** your child can use these platforms to discuss learning matters with their teacher.

I would also encourage every member of our school community to follow the school's main Twitter feed - **@BaldragonAcad** - where all up to date information will be posted along with links to relevant resources and emerging advice.

#### Continuation of learning – Broad General Education

From Monday 13 April, all staff will be working to upload appropriate resources and learning experiences for young people in all S1 – S3 classes. Our Baldragon Academy Remote Learning Portal - <https://sites.google.com/dd.glow.scot/baldragonacademyrjp> - is our single source for all remote learning during

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our school closure. Here your child will be able to access Glow, Microsoft Teams and learning activities for all curriculum areas, all subjects and at all stages/levels. Glow and Microsoft Teams are the platforms for your child to remotely engage with their teacher and your child's teacher will be regularly communicating and directing learning via these platforms. The portal will be updated regularly with new learning activities. School and departmental twitter accounts will be used to share information as will our school and Dundee City Council websites – so please continue to check these sources over time.

If you require paper copies of learning packs, these will be available from the front reception desk at St Paul's Academy Community Support Centre. If you require these, please let us know in advance, via email, so that packs can be prepared specifically for your child.

### Continuation of learning – Senior Phase

Although the date has not yet been set, Dundee City Council schools will start virtual learning towards next session's qualifications earlier than usual. As soon as further details emerge, I will let you know.

Furthermore, please do not underestimate the absolute importance for your child to continue to engage in their learning. Teachers at Baldragon Academy have been working exceptionally hard to create resources and experiences for home and remote learning. It is vital that your child engages with rigor and commitment. This ongoing learning is helping to further develop your child's skills, knowledge and understanding of their chosen subjects at their current level. Also, your child's ongoing engagement continues to help build a learning picture of your child and is preparing them to successfully progress to the next SCQF level and further study.

As above, the Baldragon Academy Remote Learning Portal is also our single source for accessing all senior phase learning - <https://sites.google.com/dd.glow.scot/baldragonacademyrtp>.

For more information about SCQF levels and progression of study visit <https://scqf.org.uk/support/support-for-learners-parents>.

### SQA Update

I have sent a specific letter to all parents/carers of learners in our current S4, S5 and S6. Please refer to this for current information relating to the 2020 SQA awards.

I hope this update is of some use to you. I assure you, I will provide further updates as soon as possible and when relevant and/or new information is available.

Finally, I wish each one of you the best of health. Please stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

**H McAninch**  
Headteacher

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