

Baldragon Academy Parent Partnership Baldragon Academy

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Remote Learning Portal:

https://sites.google.com/dd.glow.scot/baldragonacademyrlp

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Dundee

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have managed to get into a routine of sorts with the children all being off school. I know how hard it is to find the balance between getting the kids to access schoolwork and working - I am working from home and juggling helping my four kids to complete schoolwork whilst also trying to work. The school have done a great job in setting up the technology to access learning, remember that the remote learning portal gives links to all subjects and levels baldragonacademyrlp. Also keep an eye on the official twitter account @BaldragonAcad for updates around the school. In addition, the Xpressions app is easy to set up and it will send you notifications when the school send out important information.

I know that accessing technology can be an issue for many households, as a family we have invested in some new tech to save my phone being used continually. If you need an additional device or any help to access the remote learning platforms please speak to the school (email: baldragon@dundeecity.gov.uk) and someone will help you to access the learning. This is even more important as long term it looks like we will be using technology to access some learning until the country finds a way to control the virus. Also, the guidance team are available to help to answer questions both on learning and the wider help available to everyone in the local community.

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As you may be aware all pupils will be returning to school from the 11th August. Plans are being progressed across Scotland to ensure that the return is as safe and smooth as it can be. There is a great question and answer section on the Parent Club website <u>Changes to coronavirus restrictions</u>. If you have any specific questions/concerns that you like to be raised with the school the parent partnership can raise them on your behalf. We have a twitter account <u>@baldragonparen1</u> or you can email me as the chair at <u>pcbaldragonacademy@npfs.org.uk</u>.

I know that the last couple of months have been very tough, but we are working through this together. All schoolwork that you can do with your young people is great, but please remember that we are not "home-schooling" but that we have our kids at home in response to an unprecedented national crisis. Please keep the learning manageable and enjoyable for both your child and you. As such everyone's health and mental health is as important as schooling so please take the opportunity to access activities local to us in the community in a safe and responsible way.

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Yours,

Mary O'Connor

Chair Baldragon Academy Parent Partnership.