



11 August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID Updates – new school term

Dundee families are being reminded that city schools will have the same safety measures in place from June as the new term starts on Tuesday 17 August 2021.

At Baldragon Academy, I am urging everyone to keep up the efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus as our classrooms open again after the summer break.

Following national guidance, safety measures which were in place at the end of term in June will be retained for the first six weeks of the new school year.

This means that secondary pupils and all staff and adults will continue to wear face coverings at all times in schools (exemptions apply) and that secondary pupils and all staff and adults will maintain at least 1 metre distancing where possible.

Last session, we observed a growing number of young people arriving unprepared with their own face covering. This resulted in a significant increase in disposable face masks being issued in the morning, again after morning interval and again after lunch. On a daily basis, we were having to distribute in the region of 250 face coverings. Not only was this a health and safety concern for us all, but also a concern financially and environmentally and not in line with our school value of responsibility.

Our secondary pupils are being encouraged to take twice-weekly LFD tests as part of a range of measures to help keep schools safe. They are being asked to restart twice-weekly at-home LFD testing in the week before the start of the new term.

Our school staff are also being encouraged to take LFD tests before they start back.

There are also changes to arrangements for self-isolation and contact tracing – specific details can be found on the Dundee City Council website <https://www.dundee.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools-information>.

Dundee City Council will continue to update its website to cover arrangements for the new term. Updates are also appearing daily on the Dundee City Council twitter channel <https://twitter.com/dundeecouncil> and the Baldragon Academy twitter channel <https://twitter.com/BaldragonAcad>.

I look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday 17 August and having a great start to a new school year.

Yours sincerely,

H McAninch
Headteacher