

## Baldragon Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure your child will have been keeping you updated on their own experiences and return to school, but I thought it helpful to keep you informed of how we are all settling back into the school building as a learning community.

Together, we have made an exceptionally positive start to the new academic year and our 'new normal'. Despite our many months of planning, and the subsequent amendments as a result of changes to national advice and guidance, I am pleased that we had the opportunity to learn from our transition period last week and make the necessary operational adjustments, prior to commencing our first full week at full school capacity.

Our young people have shown great respect and responsibility to our new school day timings and the safe working procedures which are now part of everyday learning and teaching. The challenge is to continue to keep these messages and routines at the forefront of all our work and not let high standards slip.

Therefore, I would appreciate your continued support in reinforcing these key messages at home:

- **Face masks/coverings** – these **must** be used by young people when accessing shops. Members of the public continue to raise concerns, at both school level and with Dundee City Council, about pupils entering shops and not wearing face coverings. The nature of the concerns are about the potential for concern in the wider community that there could be a number of older and possibly more vulnerable people shopping during school lunchtimes and that it only takes one person to be asymptomatic for Coronavirus to spread in the area again. Please ensure that your child has a face mask/covering and stress the mandatory use of it.
- **Wet weather** - Please ensure your child is prepared for the varying and fast changing Scottish weather. Too many young people arrive for school ill prepared for our Scottish climate. Please find at the end of this letter the long-range weather forecast for our area. **Please ensure your child is appropriately prepared for wet weather intervals.**
- **Litter** – a negative outcome of our approach to maximising our outdoor space at break and lunch time is the increase in litter, within our school grounds and local residential areas. Dropping litter is completely unacceptable when we have sufficient rubbish bins in and around our school and residential areas. Looking after our environment and treating it with pride is not only an act of good citizenship, but also a habit that I would expect of every secondary school young person.

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At Baldragon Academy, we have very limited indoors social space. I have been liaising with school partners to better equip our outdoors social areas with picnic tables and other forms of robust fixed seating. I would welcome your support, through your own contacts and local knowledge, to help us establish a better area for outdoors socialising for our young people. If you can support your school with any aspect of this then please contact me by email at [baldragonacademy@dundeeschools.scot](mailto:baldragonacademy@dundeeschools.scot).

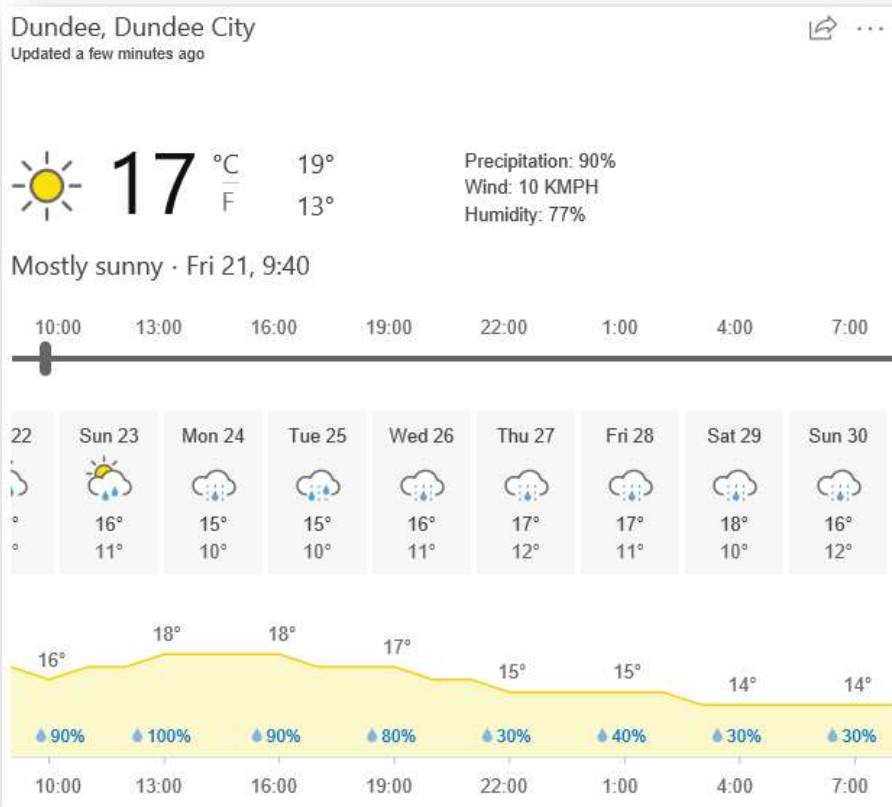
I am also grateful to our Parent Council, who continue to keep me abreast of parental voice for school improvement. I cannot encourage you enough to take part in our Parent Council. You can contact our chair – Mary O'Connor – via email [pcbaldragonacademy@npfs.org.uk](mailto:pcbaldragonacademy@npfs.org.uk) – or connect via twitter [@BaldragonParen1](https://twitter.com/BaldragonParen1).

I do hope this information is helpful.

Please stay safe and thank you for your ongoing support.

**H McAninch**

Headteacher



### UK long range weather forecast

#### Tuesday 25 Aug - Thursday 3 Sep

The outlook period begins generally unsettled with showers or longer spells of rain affecting many parts of the UK. Some of the rain may be heavy at times and could be accompanied by strong winds, especially around the coast. By the end of next week and into the weekend the wettest and windiest of the weather will probably become confined to the northwest, with the driest and brightest conditions in the southeast. As we move into the first part of September, changeable conditions are likely across the UK with dry and bright days interspersed with periods of wetter and windier weather. Temperatures are set to be close to average for the time of year across most parts.

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