



6 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year!

As per my communication to you ([22 December 2020](#)), Baldragon Academy is operational from Thursday 7 January 2021 for children of Key Workers and vulnerable pupils only, with online learning commencing on Monday 11 January 2021 for all other pupils.

Today's communication from Dundee City Council to parents and families can be found here: [Dundee City Council: Nursery and School Arrangements](#).

Key Worker Children and Vulnerable Young People

Thank you for your feedback and communications regarding a supervised place for your child from Thursday 7 January 2021 at Baldragon Academy. Your child should attend school as normal at 8.45am and enter via the main school entrance where they will be assigned to 'learning bubbles' and a classroom for working. Learning bubbles will be organised by year group and in small groups to ensure that we continue to strictly adhere to our COVID risk assessments and safe working procedures. As before and as a gentle reminder: pupils in the broad general education (S1 to S3) are encouraged to wear a mask in class but must wear a mask when moving around the building; pupils in the senior phase must wear a mask at all times; all pupils must sanitise on arrival and exit and regularly throughout the day; our 'clean as you go' protocol must be followed; movement around the class/building must remain minimal.

Tayside contracts will continue to provide catering, including free school meals as appropriate. Pupils should bring their own bottled water, however as before, bottled water is available from Tayside Contracts and can be purchased using the contactless system only.

The school day will end as normal at 2.50pm on each day. Pupils are not required to wear school uniform.

All Other Pupils

Due to the timings of the national COVID announcements and our school holidays, we continue to prepare and consult on our plans for learning and teaching. In addition to my ongoing Senior Leadership Team meetings, I intend to meet with our Extended Leadership Team, our Staff Consultative Committee and Parent Council over the coming days in order to establish a robust plan for learning and teaching, ready for implementation on Monday 11 January. Our approach, taking into consideration local and national guidance, is expected to be in place until at least Monday 1 February 2021, subject to further review in mid-January. Please be assured that our approaches to learning and teaching, as we embark on this new lockdown, will not be dissimilar to the plans that I shared with you on 22 December 2020. That communication is still available to you from the 'digital school bag' page of our school website and can be found here: [Letter to Parents 22.12.2020 — Baldragon Academy \(ea.dundee.gov.uk\)](#).

However, it would be wrong of me not to fully review these plans considering the recent national announcements and to ensure that our approaches remain clear, manageable and of the highest quality to support your child's learning at home. **Therefore, I will update all parents with the revised plan for remote learning following my consultation with our Parent Council, and by the end of the school day on Friday 8 January 2021.**

I do hope this communication helps clarify what the rest of this week looks like for your child. I am really looking forward to sharing another great year at Baldragon Academy with your child and you.

My very best wishes. Stay safe.

H McAninch
Headteacher