

## Baldragon Academy

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### Remote Learning Portal:

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

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Dear Parent/Carer

It has now been well over two months since we were last together in our own school building and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support, trust, flexibility and indeed patience throughout this time.

I recently shared with you a letter from our Chief Education Officer, highlighting the opening our school building, following updates from the Scottish Government. I can confirm that our school building is opening this month to allow teachers and school staff to plan and prepare for August 2020 and to support transitions and next steps in learning for targeted young people. In the context of Baldragon Academy, this includes P7 to S1 transition and for a small group of other targeted young people.

My Senior Leadership Team, supported by a range of school partners, have been working hard since these announcements. I am satisfied and fully confident that our building is clean, safe and appropriate measures are in place and ready to support our young people's transitions and next steps in learning. These measures include ensuring physical distancing rules can be met, clear signage to promote and support safe learning and working conditions and that our risk assessments and safe working procedures are robust and agreed by all relevant authorities.

I fully understand the anxiety that you may be feeling in your child returning to school. Indeed, my own daughter is currently making her P7 to S1 transition too. Please be assured that Baldragon Academy is ready to welcome your child and we are excited about returning to our school building.

I appreciate that you will have many questions about August 2020, and what learning may look like for your child. I want to reassure you that my Senior Leadership Team and I are working exceptionally hard on this detail. Following planned consultation and discussions with our Parent Council, Dundee City Council Education Manager and key school staff, I will be able to share with you, by 22 June 2020, the agreed details and arrangements for learning in August 2020.

I am also aware of the growing questions around school uniform for August 2020. At Baldragon Academy, we firmly believe that school uniform, as part of our broader range of improvement measures, supports the development of a positive whole school ethos and therefore helps to improve behaviour, discipline and motivation. We believe that school uniform promotes a sense of pride and belonging to school, encourages equality and inclusion and improves the climate for learning. These are values which we will need to draw upon more than ever in the 'new normal' school session. Therefore, it is expected that all pupils will wear a full school uniform in August 2020.

Finally, Parent Club - <https://www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus> - and The National Parent Forum of Scotland - <https://www.npfs.org.uk/2020/06/10/coronavirus-covid-19-scotlands-curriculum-for-excellence-in-the-recovery-phase/> - have excellent information and FAQs pages which may help you and your child prepare for returning to school.

I wish each one of you, and your families, the best of health and I will update you again shortly.

Please stay safe.

**H McAninch**  
Headteacher