



**20.05.2020**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I do hope that you and your family are healthy, keeping safe and positively managing everyday life during such challenging times for us all. I have a few updates and reminders to share with you ...

**In-service days – 21 and 22 May 2020**

Thursday 21 May and Friday 22 May 2020 remain as in-service days for Dundee City Council schools. Therefore, there is no planned learning for your child during these days. Our school staff will be working on various aspects of our plans for school improvement and specifically on their professional learning and development around the key themes of 'Additional Support for Learning' and 'Meeting Learners' Needs'.

**Victoria Day holiday – 25 May 2020**

Monday 25 May 2020 is a recognised school holiday for Dundee City Council schools. Therefore, there is no planned learning for your child during these days.

Remote learning will resume for all pupils on Tuesday 26 May 2020.

***Please note: as per Scottish Government guidance and for specifically identified pupils only, our learning hub – St Paul's Academy Community Support Centre – will operate as normal during the in-service days and the Victoria Day holiday.***

**Reminder - Home learning and learning resource packs**

Learning resource packs (jotters, pencils etc...) are available from the front reception desk at St Paul's Academy Community Support Centre. We also have paper copies of home learning packs, available from the front reception desk at St Paul's Academy Community Support Centre. If you require anything more specific then please let us know in advance, via email, so that resources can be prepared specifically for your child.

Finally, I want to reassure all our families that you are not expected to replicate the job of our teaching staff. I also want to remind everyone that learning should be manageable, appropriate and proportionate for all our learners. It should also be enjoyable! I appreciate that remote learning is very different from learning in the classroom, but it should not be a stressor for your child or you. If this is the case, then please contact your child's guidance teacher directly to let us know and we will work together to better help and support. Direct contact details can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/dd.glow.scot/baldragonacademyrlp/department-launch-pad/health-and-wellbeing>. Please remember the national guidance which is also available to you:

- National Parent Forum of Scotland:  
<https://www.npfs.org.uk/2020/04/20/term-4-guidance-for-parents/>
- Parent Club Scotland:  
<https://www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus/learning-at-home?age=0>
- Education Scotland:  
<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/scotland-learns/>
- Scottish Government:  
<https://www.gov.scot/news/guidance-for-home-learning/>

I wish each one of you, and your families, the best of health. Please stay safe.

**H McAninch**  
Headteacher