

Dear Parents and carers,

In August 2020, your child will join S1 at Baldragon Academy and we look forward to welcoming your family into our school community. As you will well know, recent months have been difficult and extremely unpredictable for schools and society as a whole.

Following the First Ministers recent announcement, we can now welcome targeted young people into our building to work with staff, therefore P7 can now begin the journey from primary to secondary.

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020

All P7 who are joining Baldragon in August are invited to attend 'An Introduction to Baldragon' - transition event. The table included will give the time specific for your child.

Each school will be allocated a slot to visit our school.

This will include:

- ❖ A tour of our school
- ❖ An opportunity to meet the Pupil Support Team
- ❖ A question and answer session
- ❖ Small group activities
- ❖ An assembly to meet Mr McAninch Head Teacher and the Senior Leadership Team

### Hygiene and safety

Every effort will be made to ensure groups adhere to physical distance and hygiene guidelines, with handwashing being provided in various areas around the building and being cleaned before the arrival of the next school.

Plans have been made to accommodate the arrival of all visitors in a safe and controlled manner. Pupils will be allocated a group by the primary staff and arrangement for meeting points and entry details shared with those that will support the visit.

**\*\*PLEASE DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF HYGIENE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IN ADVANCE OF YOUR CHILD VISIT\*\***

### School Values

At Baldragon Academy, we aim to *motivate* and *inspire* each other to reach our full *potential* and take *pride* in our *community*. **With respect, we work together and achieve more.**

Baldragon Academy promotes our school values of RESPECT

- ❖ Responsibility
- ❖ Achievement
- ❖ Fairness
- ❖ Honesty

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**What do I need to do now?**

Pupils should attend their allocated session:

- ❖ on time
- ❖ wear comfortable and appropriate clothing
- ❖ remember which group you are in- primary staff will share this
- ❖ prepared to follow our school values
- ❖ prepared to follow instructions around hygiene and safety- **as discussed at home**

Session	Time	School(s) to attend
1	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June @ 09.00- 10.30	Downfield
2	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June @ 11.30- 13.00	Craigowl
3	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June @ 14.00-15.30	Ardler Sidlaw View Ancrum Balumbie Calypotts Clelington Dundee United Academy Forthill Mill o Mains St Andrews Tay View

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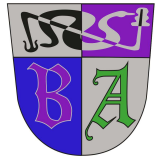
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## August 2020

Looking ahead to the new school year we are in a better position to share with you what this will look like. The Educational Psychology team and cluster primaries have identified some strategies that are used consistently across all the primary schools and will continue to play an important part of the S1 learning experience. Studies have shown that giving young people some likeness to primary makes for a smoother transition, so we also intend to keep pupils with many of their primary class and use 'home rooms' with reduced movement between classes. Class structure will be as follows: -

- ❖ 'Home Groups' that will have a max 30 pupils. English, maths, social subjects and languages are taught in these sections
- ❖ Practical groups that will have a max of 20 pupils. Home Economics, art, music, science, ICT and technical type subjects will be taught in these sections
- ❖ Guidance groups that will have a max of 30 pupils. Young people will see their Guidance Teacher weekly in these sections

Primary staff are providing support to ensure the combinations in each of these sections will enhance existing relationships and promote positive new relationships. We are planning to use Pupil Support staff to support learning.

Our school website and learning portal have links to Transition support materials which will also let you have a look around our school and may answer questions you might have.

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

<http://baldragon.ea.dundee.gov.uk/>

I hope that this information will be helpful and go a little way to relieve some of the worries that you and your child have. Stay safe and we look forward to meeting you soon

If you have any further queries please ask your P7 teacher or email [baldragon@dundee.gov.uk](mailto:baldragon@dundee.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Lowe  
Depute Head teacher

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