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Dear Parent/Carer,

Standards and Expectations – Baldragon Academy

I want to take this opportunity to thank the vast majority of our young people who continue to help 'raise the bar' at Baldragon Academy by consistently turning up for school on time, being prepared for their learning, following the school rules and following their school timetable. Our school values of achievement, responsibility, honesty and fairness, underpinned by respect, are evident across so many of our young people who are, indeed, a credit to our school community.

However, I am concerned that some key standards and expectations are not being met. We have a small number of pupils who are developing disruptive habits. My biggest concern is that these habits are undermining our learners' sense of safety and impacting negatively on learning and our learning environment. In alignment with our approaches to [relationships for learning](#), I want to take this opportunity to ensure that our actions to address these behaviours continue to be transparent and explicit.

In-school truancy/refusal to follow timetable

If your child refuses to attend their timetabled class, truants or spends excessive or unnecessary time out of class, they will be given a warning, their name recorded and the opportunity to correct their behaviours. Should there be no immediate and positive adjustment, we will seek your support and assurances of a positive change. Should there be no further improvement, your child may be at risk of further action being taken and, ultimately, potential exclusion from school.

Behaviour and Relationships

At all times, I expect all young people to behave respectfully, responsibly and safely. If your child behaves in a manner which compromises these expectations, for themselves or for others, we will seek your support and assurances of a positive change. Should there be no further improvement, your child may be at risk of further action being taken and, ultimately, potential exclusion from school.

Mobile phones

Pupils are permitted to use their mobile phones during break time and lunch time only. At all other times, pupils must keep phones away and turned off. Only with the direct permission from their teacher, can a pupil use their phone in class for learning purposes. If a pupil needs to leave class, they must leave their phone in their school bag or with their teacher. If your child refuses to follow these simple rules, they will be given a warning, their name recorded and the opportunity to correct their behaviour. Should there be no immediate and positive adjustment, we will seek your support and assurances of a positive change. Should there be no further improvement, your child may be at risk of further action being taken and, ultimately, potential exclusion from school.

In all circumstances, we will always seek to work in partnership with you to address and resolve matters as swiftly as possible and to support your child's return to learning and their classroom.

These approaches will help to ensure that every pupil at Baldragon Academy can experience their entitlement to a safe and positive learning environment where they can develop their skills and talents to their fullest potential. I appreciate your support and encourage you to discuss this letter with your child. We will share our approaches and reinforce our standards and expectations via Personal and Social Education (PSE) classes and assemblies.

Thank you.

Mr H McAninch
Headteacher