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Dear Parent/Carer

Now the summer holidays are upon us, to help your preparations for the new school session, I thought it would be useful to share with you some key information regarding **school uniform** and **free school meals**.

### School Uniform

At Baldragon Academy, we firmly believe that our school uniform policy, 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. Feedback from pupils and parents highlight that a consistent school uniform gives our pupils a sense of identity and belonging to our school community. **Uniform at Baldragon Academy is a very strong feature that almost all our young people and families support. I'd like to say a particular thanks to our families for this support and place a gentle reminder to encourage all young people and their families to buy into the very positive identity of Baldragon Academy.**

Our school uniform policy is clear and very simple:

- White blouse or shirt;
- Black trousers or skirt;
- Black pullover or cardigan;
- Black footwear;
- School tie (striped for S1 to S4, senior tie for S5 and S6);
- Black outdoor jacket;
- School blazer  
(optional but encouraged for all year groups and in particular S5 and S6. Braided blazers are preferred for all. Prefects and the Pupil Leadership Team are recognised by the strips on their sleeves).

If your child prefers to not wear a school blazer, then please ensure their school coat is plain black.  
School ties can be purchased directly from our school via your parent pay account – S1-S3 £5.00/S4-S6 £6.00

Our uniform policy can be found here <https://sites.google.com/dd.glow.scot/baldragonacademy/school-information/school-uniform>

**Apart from our school badge, school clothing should not have brand names, slogans, symbols, pictures, or logos. Items which are non-uniform must not be worn in school and school ties should be on and visible.** Black school branded hoodies from events such as leadership residentials (CANICoaching; Tree of Knowledge) and school trips are allowed.

### Free School Meals

Free school meals are available to all pupils whose parents receive Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance - Income Based, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit (where take home pay is less than £610 per month), Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit ONLY with an income of less than £16,105, or BOTH Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income less than £6,420 (as assessed by HMRC).

- Applications for school clothing grants can be made here: <https://www.dundee.gov.uk/service-area/children-and-families-service/school-clothing-grants>
- Applications for free school meals can be made here: <https://www.dundee.gov.uk/service-area/children-and-families-service/education/school-meals>

As our most important partner in your child's education, I would appreciate your support and encourage you to discuss and reinforce our expectations regarding school uniform and I look forward to welcoming all our young people to Baldragon Academy on Tuesday 16 August 2022.

Best wishes and have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher