



Dear Parent/Carer

01.07.2019

As we approach the summer holidays and 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.

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. From 2019/20, braided blazers are preferred for all – Prefects and the Pupil Leadership Team will now be 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 office at a reduced price of £5.00 (S1-S4) and £6.00 (S5-S6).

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.

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Recycled Paper





We want our school uniform to be as affordable and accessible as possible for all our families. As part of our continued work to reduce the 'cost of the school day', we have stocked a wide range of new and 'up-cycled' uniform items in school. We hope this approach will help ensure all our young people can access an appropriate and full school uniform throughout the year. Our uniform bank can be accessed by contacting your child's guidance teacher. Furthermore, if you have any items of uniform that could be 'upcycled', we would be more than happy to accept these items – i.e. school clothing from siblings or items of clothing which are now outgrown. With the support of our Parent Council and in-school volunteers, all items will be laundered and added to our school clothing bank.



If you are in receipt of 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, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction or Child Tax Credit with an income of less than £16,105 (as assessed by HMRC), you may be entitled to receive a grant towards the cost of buying essential clothing to enable children up to the age of 16 to attend school.



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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 13 August 2019.

Best wishes and have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely

Mr. H McAninch
Head Teacher

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