

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your support of your young person and the school as we have started the new session this week. It is clear our young people have returned with their usual positive attitudes and enthusiasm, and we look forward to a very exciting a positive school year ahead. Please see a update on a number of matters below:

### **Friends at Braes**

Friends at Braes is our parent-led fundraising group. The group meets regularly throughout the year, planning fundraising activities and working directly with pupils and staff to support a range of projects and activities. The Annual General Meeting of Friends at Braes takes place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm in the school conference room. If you would like to find out more please email Chairperson Susan MacKinnon at [friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com). If you would like to come along to the meeting, please come in through the pupil entrance where you will be directed to the conference room.

### **Uniform**

It has been great to see the high standard of school uniform among all our young people during this first week. In particular it has been encouraging to see the number of young people wearing their school blazers. We would like to see this continue and increase further. As a reminder, school uniform consists of school shirt, school tie, black trousers or leggings and blazer. Jogging trousers, track suits, hoodies and clothing with slogans or images are not part of the uniform and should not be worn to school. Friends at Braes run a very well-used and appreciated uniform recycling service, and there are items of uniform available at school reception. Again please contact Friends at Braes with the above email address if you would like to enquire about any specific item of uniform.

### **Buses**

Please see below information outlining Falkirk Council's school bus policy.

#### **Criteria for free school transport**

Pupils who are under 8 years of age and live more than 1 mile from their catchment school or are 8 years of age or older and live more than 2 miles from their catchment school.

#### **Under 22 travel passes**

At present, the Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme does not cover transport to and from school. Under 22 passes can only be used where there is sufficient excess capacity after all pupils who hold Falkirk Council distance entitled bus passes have been granted travel.

This means that those young people with Falkirk Council distance entitled bus passes will be prioritised for spaces on school buses. Thereafter, young people who have the Under 22 travel pass can use any spare capacity left on school buses. Younger pupils will be offered these spaces first. It is therefore possible that some young people who have an Under 22 travel pass may not be able to access a school bus if there is no spare capacity.

Further information can be gained from Falkirk Council's website, linked below:

[School life - School transport | Falkirk Council](#)

Yours faithfully,

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