

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we move into the final week of the session, I would thank all Braes parents/carers and families for your support of your young person(s) and the school throughout this school year. Once again, we have seen our young people perform so well in a wide range of activities and experiences. Most of all we have been impressed by their levels of effort, enthusiasm and energy – it is a privilege to work with our young people.

Please see below an update on a number of matters below:

Non-uniform days

On Thursday 26th June pupils can wear non-uniform when participating in their Rewards Day activities, and again on Friday 27th June for the last day of term. As ever, pupils should not wear football colours on those days, nor wear any clothing inappropriate for school.

School holidays

School closes at lunchtime on Friday 27th June for the summer break. Buses will collect pupils at 12.30pm. The school will reopen to pupils on Wednesday 13th August.

School Uniform 2025/26

Parents/carers will no doubt be beginning to think about school uniform for after the summer holidays. As a reminder, Friends at Braes run a well-used and appreciated uniform recycling service. Should you wish to have a look at what is available please come into reception and see the uniform rack there or email friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com.

Given the warmer weather recently, we have reminded pupils that the black shorts can be worn as part of the uniform. However, we would stress that in the new session should pupils wish to continue wearing shorts that these are appropriate for school, and are plain black (not sports) shorts. Similarly, pupils can wear plain black leggings to school, and these should also be plain, black (not sports) leggings.

School transport

To support planning for Brae families next session, please see a reminder of Falkirk Council's school transport 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](#)

[New Town Hall consultation – message from Falkirk Council](#)

Falkirk Council is developing a brand-new Town Hall, and we want to make sure it meets the needs of children and young people across our school communities.

While it's not a school building, the new venue will be used by many of our pupils for school concerts, theatre trips, dance shows, award ceremonies and other learning experiences. It will also provide creative and cultural opportunities that support young people's education and wellbeing.

That's why we're inviting parents and carers to share their views as part of the early design process. Your feedback will help shape a space that inspires creativity, supports learning and brings our communities and children and young people together.

Please take a few minutes to complete the short survey, linked below:

[Project: The New Falkirk Town Hall Usage Engagement | Participate+](#)

On behalf of all at Braes I with all our families and young people over the summer.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone

