

Dear Parent/Carer,

As our young people continue to make progress in their studies, it is pleasing to see our pupils continue to engage with the school's COVID-19 mitigations, showing a positive and sensible attitude. Following the publication of further guidance by the Scottish Government for schools this week, we are considering how to make our school day structure and timings flow more normally for pupils. Further information on this will be forthcoming, following discussion with our Pupil Councils. Please see an update on a number of other matters below:

### **Term dates**

#### *February break*

Please note that Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022, and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 are school holidays. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 is an in-service day, on which day the school will also be closed to pupils. School reopens for pupils on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

#### *Holiday date changes*

Please remember there has been a change to the May holiday. As previously communicated, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May has moved from being a holiday to a now being a normal school holiday. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June move from being normal school days to holidays.

#### *In-service day*

The school will also be closed to pupils on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May for an in-service day.

A full list of school holiday dates can be found using the link below

[School life - School holiday dates | Falkirk Council](#)

### **Community Choices – Capital grants**

Local groups and organisations are bidding for funding worth £5k or more to get big projects in your school catchment area off the ground. To secure funds, the groups need local people to vote for the projects they want to make happen – and every vote counts. Anyone who is of secondary age and above can vote. To find out more [read](#) and visit:

[www.falkirk.gov.uk/ccvote](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/ccvote) to vote. Among other community group bids, there are bids representing both Braes High School and Maddiston Primary School within the choices presented.

### **Message from Falkirk Council - Travel survey**

The Council wants to know how and why people travel. This will help transport planners create an active travel strategy and develop transport projects that will meet local need – and encourage people to live more active lives. To [find out more](#) and have your say visit [www.falkirk.gov.uk/travelsurvey](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/travelsurvey). People who fill in the survey also have the chance to enter a prize draw to win one of five £50 Falkirk District Towns Gift Cards.

## **Message from Public Health Scotland**

Schools have long played a role in facilitating immunisation programmes for teenagers, in conjunction with the NHS. Public Health Scotland have asked schools to make families aware of the resources available to support parents/carers and young people in being aware of teenage immunisation programmes relating to [human papillomavirus \(HPV\)](#), [tetanus, diphtheria and polio \(Td/IPV\)](#), [meningitis ACWY \(MenACWY\)](#) and [measles, mumps and rubella \(MMR\)](#). Links to further information are noted below:

- [Vaccines for Young People – Where can I find more information?](#)
- [Vaccines for Young People – What is consent?](#)
- [Vaccines for Young People – How do I give my consent?](#)
- [Vaccines for Young People – Can I give consent myself?](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support of your young people and the school.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone