

Dear Parent/Carer,

Many thanks for your ongoing support of your young people and the school as we progress through the term. As ever, our focus remains on ensuring our school community is as safe as possible. Please continue to ensure your young person brings a face covering to school. In addition, please encourage your young person to participate in the Lateral Flow testing programme, and to record test results using the link below:

[Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result)

As we move into the festive season, although we cannot have our normal in-person events, staff are still working hard to ensure our young people have an enjoyable time in school, in addition to carrying on with their studies. The Christmas Cup, our festive interhouse competition is in planning, with information issued to pupils shortly. This will be on Monday 20th December, with a non-uniform day (House colours encouraged) also taking place on this date. Pupils will be asked to make a suggested donation of £1 to school funds, either through collections during period 1, or via Ipay. Normal uniform will be worn on the last day of term, Tuesday 21st December 2021, with school formally closing at 1.30pm.

Our Music department are finalising preparations for the launch of the online concert and performances. As a reminder of how this is being arranged, please see the message from the department below:

Our “12 Tweets of Christmas” begins on Monday the 6th of December. On every school day for the next 12 days we will be publishing on our Twitter (@BraesMusic) and Music Department YouTube channels (www.youtube.com/fcbraeshigh) a video of some of our groups and solo performers with musical pieces for your enjoyment.

As part of this, we will also have an online concert on Wednesday the 15th of December at 7pm, on both the Music Department and the School YouTube channels, which will collect together the recordings (and maybe a few bonus items) for you to sit back, relax and enjoy.

To play our part in the local community, as noted previously, the school is promoting and collecting donations to Braes Storehouse Foodbank. If any parent/carer wishes to donate any long life food items, toiletries or cleaning products it would be greatly appreciated. Such items can be handed in to the school office or to any of the collection points mentioned in pupils’ House Teams pages, up until Friday 17th December.

Similarly, Braes pupils are putting together care packages to support homeless people, collecting essential items such as water bottles and other personal care products, to donate these to homeless charities as appropriate, such as Cyrenians, Shelter or Social Bite. If any parent/carer wishes to donate to this project, the school Ipay system has been set up to allow this, with a clearly marked payment option. The pupils will use any funds donated to buy appropriate items. Similarly, should any parents/carer wish to donate any personal care product, these can also be handed in to the school office.

I hope all Braes families are keeping and coping as well as possible just now.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Livingstone