

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your ongoing support of your young people and the school as we continue to progress through a busy and productive term. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

### **COVID-19 procedures**

Families will no doubt be aware that we all must remain vigilant in dealing with the current pandemic. As a reminder, the best way of ensuring we can avoid contact tracing involving school pupils is to ensure that no one comes into school if they, or anyone in their household has COVID-19 symptoms. If this is the case, the household should isolate, and the symptomatic person should seek a PCR test. Similarly, I would encourage pupils to continue to participate in the Lateral Flow device COVID-19 testing programme. Again, if a positive LFD result occurs, that person and their household should isolate and a PCR test should be booked for the person testing positive on the LFD test. Please inform the school whenever there is a positive LFD test, as we will begin contact tracing at that point. Please also continue to encourage young people to bring a face covering to school.

### **Lateral Flow Device testing kits**

As noted above, Lateral Flow Device COVID-19 testing is important in helping to keep our school community as safe as possible. Pupils participating in the programme and who have given consent, are invited to take a testing kit home over the summer break, in order that they can carry out tests in the week prior to their return in August. We will remind pupils of this nearer the time. Please remember that access to LFD testing is now open to all, with further details on how to access this available from the link below.

### **Universal Testing**

### **Uniform**

We are grateful to parents/carers for their support in keeping school uniform standards high and would ask that this message continues to be reinforced at home. To support pupils in this, we will be carrying out uniform checks in the coming weeks and reminding young people not to wear items of clothing with large logos/brands etc.

### **Friends at Braes Summer Hamper – a message from FAB Chairperson, Leah Curry**

Friends At Braes will be holding a summer raffle to win a hamper.

Anyone with items that could be added to the hamper please hand in to the school office. We are looking for luxury food items, bottles, pamper items etc.

Also if by chance you work for someone, or have a business that would be happy to donate something or a voucher it would be very much appreciated.

Please hand in before Friday 4th June

Raffles have been our only source of income for fab this year and we are still trying to support the school and pupils as much as we can.

We welcome proposals from pupils and school groups for projects or equipment that they are looking for funding for. We don't like to have to say no so our fund raising is very important.

Tickets will go on sale through the iPay system on Monday further correspondence will be sent out about this

Thank you for your continued support.

Leah Curry  
FAB Chairperson

### **Assessment Moderation Days**

A reminder that Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> are closure days for pupils as staff will be involved in SQA Assessment Moderation Days on these dates.

### **Child Poverty Action Group – recognition of Braes**

There has been a strong focus in Braes on reducing the cost of the pupil day. This work has been recognised by the Child Poverty Action Group, who have included Braes High School as a case study in their recently released resource on this topic. The link to the resource is noted below. I would pass my thanks to staff on their involvement in this piece of work.

#### **CPAG resource**

Finally, I wish all Braes families well just now and look forward to seeing our pupils continue to progress during the remainder of term.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone