

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was good to see young people back in school this week and getting on with the business of learning and daily school life. Obviously, over the weekend there have been communications from NHS Test and Protect to parents/carers advising that they are carrying out COVID-19 contact tracing in relation to Braes High School. While this is of course an unsettling situation for all, and particularly those most directly affected, it has been encouraging to see our school community respond in its normal calm and considerate manner. As previously communicated, our school had engaged with other schools who had previously experienced such a situation, and this allowed us to develop clear procedures for handling such a matter. I am grateful to my staff for their work on this over the weekend, and to parents/carers of those young people most directly affected for their understanding of the situation. In particular, I would extend our thanks to the pupils, who have shown the sensitivity and respect we would expect from them.

We look forward this week to the return of the Braes Bulletin, and I am grateful to Miss Mackie for her work in collating this. Also, on Friday, the last day of term until the school reopens on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October, we will hold a non-uniform day for pupils, with the usual rules of no football colours or clothing with inappropriate slogans.

Many thanks for your ongoing support of your young people and the school.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone