

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope everyone has had a pleasant summer and that our young people enjoyed their break from school. It was pleasing to see again the positive performance of our senior pupils in their SQA assessments. There is no doubt our pupils put in a great deal of effort for these assessments and we look forward to supporting our young people as they move into the next stage of their learning. We also look forward to seeing those young people moving into S1, S2, S3 and S4, and supporting their ongoing progress. Please see below an update on a number of matters:

#### COVID-19 Advice

It was good last session to have a full year of pupils learning in school. This session, as before, we will move forward taking into account the Scottish Government's COVID-19 guidance to ensure our school environment is as physically safe as possible.

Public health advice regarding COVID-19 can be accessed via the link below.

#### [Scottish Government COVID-19 Advice](#)

In school, we will still be encouraging good hand hygiene and ventilation of teaching spaces. Pupils and staff do not require to wear face coverings. However, anyone who wishes to wear a face covering will be strongly supported in doing so.

#### School Photographs

Photographers will be in school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August to take individual photographs of pupils in S1, S3, S5 and S6. Parent/carers will have the option of purchasing the photograph. Further details will be issued in relation to this.

#### School Communication Channels

There are a number of ways in which Braes families can keep up to date with school news and activities. As well as the regular direct emails to parents/carers you will receive links to the school's online Sway Newsletters, roughly every fortnight. Our school website also has a great deal of information at [www.braeshigh.com](http://www.braeshigh.com) while there are a number of Twitter feeds showcasing and celebrating the success of pupils. The main school Twitter feed is @braeshigh. You do not need to be a Twitter user to access this. Simply searching online for Braes High School Twitter should bring up the relevant page. Our School App also backs up communications and the school calendar. It can be downloaded by going to your App store, searching for 'School App for Parents' and then selecting Braes High School.

### School Uniform

Our pupils have long had a strong reputation for high standards of school uniform. We look forward to this continuing and would thank parents/carers for your support in ensuring these high standards are maintained. School uniform consists of the school blazer, school shirt, plain black school jumper, tie, trousers, skirt or plain black leggings. Track suit tops or bottoms, jeans, hoodies or zip-up tops are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Pupils can of course also wear an outdoor jacket to and from school.

### Summer news

Our thanks go to all Braes people who helped the school gain funding from Tesco via the blue token scheme, to support the development of outdoor learning space in school. We were also pleased to be awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award in recognition of the school's work in promoting Learning for Sustainability through a range of eco projects.

Finally, I would thank all Braes parents/carers in advance for their ongoing support of the school this session. We are very proud of our young people, and look forward to seeing them continue to flourish in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Livingstone