

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school. It has been great to see our young people back in school after the break. Senior assessments are underway and our pupils have shown again their ability to adapt to the COVID-19 procedures in place within our school. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

#### Self-Isolation

Please see the previously issued document for a reference guide on self-isolation, symptoms and testing.

#### Lateral Flow Testing

Please continue to encourage your young person to participate in Lateral Flow testing. Testing kits are available from the school office each day. Please remember to record LFT results, positive or negative, using the link below:

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

#### Face Coverings

It is good to see the vast majority of pupils bringing a face covering to school. After a significant improvement in this prior to the break, we have unfortunately seen increased numbers of young people requiring to be issued with a face covering in the early days of this term. The support of parents/carers in ensuring young people have their face covering with them in school is very much appreciated.

#### Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council is scheduled for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022, at 7pm, online via Microsoft Teams. Should you wish to attend this virtual meeting please email [braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com) for details.

#### Friends at Braes

The next meeting of Friends at Braes, our parent-led fundraising group, takes place online, at 6.30pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please email [friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com) for further information.

#### Rights Respecting School Gold Level status

All at Braes were pleased to receive confirmation from UNICEF that the school's status as a Rights Respecting Gold Level School has been reaccredited. In December pupils, parents/carers and staff took part in various discussions and presentation with the awarding body. Our thanks go to all involved, and we are pleased our pupils and the wider school community have this recognition for their approach and work.

### Homeless Care Packs

Prior to the break, Braes pupils did an excellent job in putting together Homeless Care packs for homeless people. Olivia Sneddon, Cerys Berry and Sophie Duncan spent a great deal of time fundraising, promoting and organising the supply of items for these care packs. Around 50 packs were made containing essential supplies for people, and these were donated to Cyrenians charity who will distribute the packs to people in need. Thanks go to all who contributed towards this.

### School Grounds

Unfortunately, we have seen recently some anti-social behaviour taking place over weekends and in the evenings. On occasion, this has involved current Braes pupils. Although we know the vast majority of our young people would not engage in anti-social behaviour, the support of parents/carers in reminding young people that the school is not a 'hang-out' area in the evenings at weekends, is appreciated.

I hope all Braes families are doing well just now and we look forward to continuing the positive beginning to the new term.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone