

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been good to see our young people making their way through their first full week of lessons. Our new S1 pupils continue to settle well and we would encourage them to 'be part of it' at Braes by getting involved in the many extra-curricular opportunities noted in the attached documents. Indeed, for all pupils, being involved in these clubs and activities is a great way to make new friends, develop new skills and enjoy a well-rounded school experience.

I would also thank parents/carers for your ongoing support of your young people and the school. We have seen high standards of school uniform from the vast majority of young people, and it has been pleasing to see the high numbers of pupils wearing the school blazer. As a reminder, pupils should still wear school uniform to and from school on the days they have Physical Education. We would also thank parents/carers for the care shown when driving in and around the school grounds. The vast majority of parents/carers drive and park in a safe manner, in what can be a very busy area. Similarly, we are aware that there has been a move locally to encourage safe speeds on the road towards Shieldhill and we would of course endorse that message, given that our young people do walk along the pathways next to that road. Unfortunately, there was an incident at another local school where a young person was hit by a car after crossing the road in front of their school bus. We have been communicating with our pupils about the need to be careful when crossing roads and appreciate the support of parents/carers in this regard.

In addition, we continue to emphasise to pupils the importance of using the bins provided locally to dispose of litter. For some time we have been impressed with the low levels of litter in school social spaces, and we are keen to have that situation replicated around the local community. In particular, I would ask that if your young person goes to Tesco for lunch, that you can support this message by encouraging appropriate disposal of litter when walking back along the canal path.

Over the next couple of weeks we have the Annual General Meetings of our two parent/carers groups. Our Parent Council's AGM takes place on Monday 5th September at 7pm, and details of the meeting can be gained from Chairperson Heather McManus, via braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com. Before that, our parent/carer fundraising group, Friends at Braes holds their AGM on Wednesday 31st August, at 6.30pm. Details of this meeting can be gained from Chairperson Susan MacKinnon via friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com.

In the meantime, I wish all Braes families well and look forward to seeing our young people continue to progress.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone