

Dear Parent/Carer,

After a successful send-off for our S6 pupils last week, and a positive start to the SQA examination diet, it has been good to see our pupils across the year groups also making a positive beginning to the new term. Please see an update on a number of matters below :

### **COVID-19 – pupil attendance**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022, the following guidance will be in place in relation to school attendance.

#### **When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education**

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell **and** have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

#### **Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result**

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

### **School Uniform**

It is pleasing to see the vast majority of our pupils responding to our drive on school uniform. As a reminder, school uniform consists of black school skirt/trousers/leggings (without logos and designs), shirt, school tie and blazer. If pupils have PE first period on any day, they should still arrive at school in uniform, not PE kit, and get changed as usual before their first lesson. Pupils can of course wear an outer jacket too, when outside. Hoodies, zip up tracksuit tops and jogging trousers are not part of school uniform and should not be worn to school. Friends at Braes, our parent-led fundraising group, have a well established uniform recycling service, which can be accessed at school reception. Previously, use of the Hub as a social space was dependent on wearing a school blazer. This rule has not been reintroduced for this coming term, but is likely to be back in place from August 2022. The support of parents/carers in maintaining the high standards of school uniform for which our pupils are known, is appreciated.

### Friends at Braes

A very productive meeting of Friends at Braes took place this week, with engaging presentations from our Braes Eco Group and the Braes Breakfast Club. Our thanks go to FAB for their financial support of both these bids and also for the donation of funds for additional sports equipment. We are fortunate to have this supportive parent/carer group, which meets again online via Teams, on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm. Details of how to support the group can be gained by emailing [friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com), and the attached flyer summarises some of the group's activity this session.

### Parent Council

We are also fortunate to have a positive and supportive Parent Council, which meets again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm, online via Teams. Should you wish to virtually attend this meeting, please email [braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com).

### Term dates

The term dates for session 2022/23 are available online via the link below. Please remember that **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022** is no longer a school holiday and pupils should attend on this day. **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022** is an in-service day and pupils should of course not attend on this day. **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** and **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022** are now school holidays.

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I would thank all parents/carers for your ongoing support of your young people and the school. As the term progresses, we hope we will be in a position to have events in school with parents/carers in attendance, with appropriate COVID mitigations in place.

Yours sincerely,

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