

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of term, I would thank all parents/carers for your support of your young people and the school. It has been a pleasure working with our pupils again this term, and I hope they have a lovely break when it comes. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

Friday 1st April – last day of term

This is a non-uniform day, with pupils invited to make a donation to the school's fundraising efforts to support humanitarian aid in Ukraine. Funds raised will be go to the Disasters Emergency Committee, the Scottish Emergency Rescue Association and local charity Pets in Need, currently organising general aid for the situation. The usual rules of no football colours, or in appropriate clothing will apply. Donations can be made in cash on the day, or via the lpay system.

COVID-19 procedures

In line with the most recent edition of the Scottish Government's guidance for schools, and that of Falkirk Council Children's Services, please find attached a summary of the COVID-19 procedures for the new term. We will communicate directly with pupils to advise of these procedures.

School Uniform

As we move into the summer term, we will be reminding and supporting young people in relation to high standards of school uniform. For Braes, this of course means 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.

I wish all Braes families well and look forward to a positive end of this term, and a successful term to come.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone