

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of term, on behalf of all at Braes I wish everyone in the Braes community well over these next two weeks. We anticipate seeing all our young people back in school, full time, from **Monday 19th April 2021**. Please see an update on various matters below:

School Improvement Priorities - Parent/Carer consultation

Many thanks for the returns from parents/carers in our parent/carers consultation on School Improvement planning priorities. These will be analysed and incorporated into our school improvement planning, with further communication to parents/carers in the coming weeks.

Show My Homework

Following our ongoing development with the use of Microsoft Teams this session and anticipated further development in this area, we are considering whether to discontinue the use of Show My Homework in session 2021/22. If any parent/carers has any queries in relation to this please do not hesitate to contact me. Email - iain.livingstone@falkirk.gov.uk

Summer term – key dates and events

Please see key dates and information for summer term events.

Friday 30th April

Likely non-uniform day to mark end of Autism Awareness week activity led by our Equalities Group. This will be confirmed nearer the date.

May in-service days

These are scheduled for 6th May and 7th May. These are closure days for pupils.

Junior Awards

Plans are underway to celebrate this event within current restrictions, most likely through an online edition.

Senior Awards

Recognising the current situation, for this session only, at present we are planning to reschedule our Senior Awards for late August/early September. Hopefully these can take place in-person, if possible.

Senior Graduation

Given that it is unlikely we will be able to invite parents/carers and other guests into school this side of the summer break, and the need to ensure their departure from Braes is marked in a way families can also observe, the Graduation event for senior pupils will most likely take place via an online edition.

S6 Leavers' event

Should restrictions allow, it is planned to consider the feasibility of an outdoor event for our departing S6 pupils in June.

Assessment Moderation Days

These are confirmed for Falkirk Council as 7th and 8th June. These will be closure days for pupils.

Final Day of term - Friday 25th June

LFD Testing

This has now been extended as an offer to all pupils. We are seeing significant numbers of consent returns from families for pupil participation in this. Testing kits will be available for pupils on a daily basis from the school office in the new term.

In the meantime, I hope everyone keeps safe and well, and we look forward to seeing our pupils flourishing in the next term.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone