

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was lovely to see our young people back in school again this morning. As you would be aware, this was our first day with the new expectations around face coverings, and it was pleasing to see our young people being mindful of what is required. Please remember that should any young person not be able to wear a face covering, contact should be made with the relevant Pastoral Head, who will discuss the matter with the young person. Your supports as parents/carers in directing our young people to wear their coverings on school transport, communal areas, toilets and corridors is greatly appreciated. Please see an update on a variety of matters below:

Outside areas

We have moved the outside areas of some year groups to allow easier access to their indoor spaces in inclement weather. These are now as follows:

Morning interval and lunchtimes (when dry outside)

S1 – back of school

S2 – side of school

S3 – front of school

Before school (when dry outside)

S1/2 – back of school

S3/4 – side of school

S5/6 – front of school

Inclement weather arrangements remain as follows:

S1 – Hub

S2/3 – Games Hall

S4 – Hub

S5/6 – Games Hall

No doubt such arrangement will continue to evolve as we move through the session, listening to the views of our young people.

Friends at Braes

Please see the message below from Leah Currie, our Friends at Braes Chairperson:

Our AGM this year will be taking place on line with zoom and we are really looking for some new and current members to join us. As you know we are an informal group of parents, carers and friends of Braes who support the school in fundraising to benefit all the pupils. Many of us have children now leaving the school and would love some new fresh ideas. Through our fundraising we have been able to make many donations to the school for things such as P7 transition buses, Prom pictures, the library, iPads for the best of you base and much, much more. We try to meet at least once every 4-6 weeks in the school, you don't need to come every time. (Although this year this hasn't obviously happened). Our next meeting is on Thursday 3rd September 6.30pm. If you would like the Zoom invitation details please email friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com.

Leah Currie
FAB Chairperson

Parent Council

Please see the message below from Elspeth McCallum, our Parent Council Chairperson:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back from Braes High Parent Council and a special welcome to all the parents/carers of new pupils. For those of you new to the school there are two parent bodies at Braes High, Friends at Braes (fundraising group) and the Parent Council. The role of the Parent Council is to represent parents and to help Braes High operate as a successful school. All parents/carers are welcome to join and get involved with the Parent Council at any time. The Parent Council has contributed to many aspects of the school and this has included:

- Engagement with the Pupil Council
- Range of qualifications on offer in the senior phase
- School policies, e.g. anti-bullying
- Family learning activities on offer to parents/carers
- School Improvement Plan, helping form key priorities
- Plans for phased return to school post lockdown

The next meeting of the Parent Council, to which all parents/carers are invited, will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on,

Tuesday 8th September 2020, at 7pm via zoom

If you wish to attend the AGM please email braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com so that the meeting link can be sent to you.

If you have any questions at all about becoming involved with the Parent Council please do not hesitate to ask, braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com

Elspeth McCallum

Chairperson
Braes High Parent Council

I hope everyone is doing as well as possible just now and your young person is enjoying being back at school in this new session.

Iain Livingstone