

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a school we would thank you for your ongoing support of your young people. The term continues apace and our pupils continue to get involved in the wider life and work of the school. A special word also goes to our senior phase pupils who have just completed their prelim exams. Staff and pupils are now working together as part of the “One Last Push” strategy to ensure young people are as prepared as possible for the final sets of assessments in April and May.

Please see an update on a number of matters below:

#### School Transport consultation

You may be aware that Falkirk Council have launched a consultation on eligibility of young people for free home-to-school transport. This will be of interest to Braes parents/carers and pupils. Details of the proposed change and access to the consultation can be gained via the link below. We will be advising young people of this consultation on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February via their Year Group Teams pages, and would encourage parents/carers to make young people aware of this. Our Parent Council have also indicated a willingness to take forward any comments from parents/carers should families prefer to communicate in that way regarding the proposal. Our Chairperson, Kenneth MacKinnon can be contacted via email at [braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com).

#### Disabled Parking

The respectful and safe approach taken by the vast majority of Braes parents/carers when driving around the school grounds is greatly appreciated. We would ask that parents/carers continue to avoid using the disabled parking spaces unless there is valid certification. Many thanks for your support with this.

#### Free Meal Entitlement

As you may be aware, Falkirk Council can provide Free School Meals, and payment towards the cost of school clothing and footwear (clothing grants) to the value of £120.00 per child/per year for primary school children, and £150.00 per child/per year for secondary school children. Details of how to apply and check eligibility are available via the link below. Should you require any advice in relation to this please do not hesitate to contact your young person’s Pastoral Head.

#### [Free School Meals and School Clothing Grants | Falkirk Council](#)

I hope all Braes families are doing well at present and look forward to seeing our pupils continue to progress.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone