

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we move into the festive season, I hope all Braes families are doing well just now. You will have received communication last week about the arrangements for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, in light of the planned industrial action in schools. As a reminder, the arrangements for Thursday are as follows:

- Only pupils in S5/6 **should attend in person**
- Pupils in S5/6 should ensure they bring their iPads to school as they can expect times where adult supervised self-study will be required
- Pupils in S1-S4 should **not attend in person**. Learning activities will be provided for home learning for S1-4 pupils by those teachers who are in school on Thursday, via pupils' normal class Teams pages. It is understood however that it may not be **possible or** appropriate for all pupils to carry out these learning activities.
- Pupil attendance will not be disadvantaged whether working at home or in school.

School Meal Service – will operate as normal for those pupils who are expected to attend that day. For those pupils that will not be expected to attend and who qualify for free school meals, an additional payment will be included in the payment scheduled later in December to cover the holiday period.

School Transport – will operate as normal for those pupils who are expected to attend.

Early Learning & Childcare Centres and Nursery Classes – will open and operate as normal.

Please see an update on a number of other matters below:

#### Newsletter

Please see below the link to the latest Braes HS Newsletter. Reading it through demonstrates the wide variety of activity across our school and I grateful to all who contributed to this edition. The link is noted below:

[Braes HS Newsletter Dec 2022](#)

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Our Fundraising and Charities group have made arrangements for this Friday to be "Festive Uniform Friday". Pupils can add festive items to their uniform e.g. tinsel, hairband, earrings, Christmas jumper etc., and pay a donation. Funds raised will go to Strathcarron Hospice, and other ways of being involved in the fundraising are noted on the newsletter link above. Cash donations can be made on the day in class, or via the school's Ipay system.

#### Friends at Braes

The next meeting of FAB is scheduled for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. Any parents/carers who wished to find out more can contact Chairperson Susan MacKinnon via email at [friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com), or come along to the meeting.

### Parent Council

A productive and constructive Parent Council meeting took place last week, with an excellent presentation delivered by our Pupil Library Leaders and school librarian, Mrs Paton. Parents/carers also engaged with the Scottish Government's National Discussion on Education and the current review of qualifications and assessments in schools. The next meeting takes place online on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, starting at 7pm. Further details can be gained from Chairperson Kenneth MacKinnon via email at [braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com).

### Forth Valley College Open Evening

Forth Valley College are holding open evening this month. Details can be gained from the link below:

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Yours sincerely,

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