

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the term progresses, our pupils continue to make good progress and get involved in the life and work of the school. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

Newsletter

Please see below the link to the current Braes High School newsletter

[Braes HS Newsletter Nov 2021](#)

LFD Testing

It is pleasing to see our pupils continue to participate in the use of LFD testing. Please remember testing kits are available from school reception. Please also record the results of the tests using the link below:

[Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Community Litter

Our young people are very good at keeping their school tidy, and litter to a minimum. However we are aware that on occasion litter is dropped by a small number of pupils when out in the community, particularly on the canal path on the way to Tesco. We will be promoting to pupils the importance of not dropping litter and ask that parents/carers reinforce this message with young people. We will be conducting another litter pick shortly.

Parking

The support of parents/carers in using the disabled parking bays appropriately is appreciated. These bays are reserved for those with the necessary accreditation. Should a young person have a temporary need for access to parking close to the school, e.g. an injury, contact should be made with the school.

Bonfire Night safety

We have been engaging with pupils this week on the importance of fire safety, particularly around Bonfire Night. The Fire Service has created a video that supports these messages, which can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uzz2w2IMmpo>

Education Reform Consultation

Parents/carers may be aware that the Scottish Government are currently consulting on the intention to replace the SQA and consider a new specialist agency for both curriculum and assessment while also taking forward reform to Education Scotland, including removing the function of inspection from the agency. Professor Ken Muir, University of West of Scotland, was appointed to act as an independent advisor to the Scottish Government to consider and advise on the implementation of the reform that will consider all functions currently delivered by both SQA and Education Scotland. The link to access the consultation is noted below:

[Education reform consultation on behalf of Professor Ken Muir, University of the West of Scotland and Independent Advisor to the Scottish Government - Scottish Government - Citizen Space](#)

Friends at Braes Raffle

Please keep a look out for communications from the school promoting the Friends at Braes raffle.

Our continued thanks go to parents/carers for your support of your young people and the school.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Livingstone