

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of this term I would thank all parents/carers for your ongoing support of your young people and the school. While we still have the safety of our community as our utmost priority, it has been great to see pupils back in classes, learning, progressing and thriving. Similarly, the ability to provide such an extensive array of extra-curricular activities for pupils has been most welcome, and I am grateful to Braes staff for their willingness to lead these.

Please see below an update on a number of matters:

Friday 8th October 2021

Tomorrow will be a non-uniform day for pupils and staff, with donations to schools funds from pupils. It will be stressed to pupils that this is still a working day, and that necessary equipment should be brought to school as usual. The usual rules of not wearing football strips or colours, or any other inappropriate clothing apply. Schools closes at 2.50pm and will **reopen on Tuesday 19th October for pupils. Monday 18th October is an in-service day.**

Education Reform Consultation

As parents/carers may be aware a consultation is taking place, led by Professor Ken Muir, University of the West of Scotland, in his role as independent advisor to the Scottish Government on the replacement of the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and the reform of Education Scotland. The consultation will run until 26 November 2021 and the information provided will support Prof Muir in his considerations. The link to take part in 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](#)

Face Coverings

After several weeks on continually rising numbers of face coverings being issued by the school each day, it has been good to see a significant reduction. In recent days almost every pupil has a covering with them. We are grateful to parents/carers for their support on this, to ensure everyone is kept as safe as possible.

Finally, I hope all Braes families are keeping and coping well and we look forward to another successful term after the break.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Livingstone