

Dear Parent/Carer,

All at Braes are looking forward to the beginning of the new timetable on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June. From this date, all pupils will move up one year group, e.g. S1 will be known as S2 and so on. For most year groups this does not change the timings of their day. However for new S4 pupils, they will now take their interval between 10.40am and 10.55am, and their lunch between 12.35pm and 1.10pm. We are monitoring Scottish Government advice closely to inform how our school day will be structured next session. Although safety will always remain the key priority, we are conscious of the educational and ethos benefits that come from all pupils having the same lunch and break times. We would look to move to such an arrangement in the new session, as soon as deemed possible and appropriate. Looking ahead to the new session, we will of course communicate with parents/carers and pupils about arrangements for August 2021 onwards when Scottish Government guidance is updated nearer the time.

We are grateful for parents/carers for ensuring that the vast majority of our young people continue to dress appropriately for school. We will continue to work with young people to ensure their school uniform is appropriate. As a reminder, clothing with large brand names or slogans should not be worn in school. The uniform consists of white shirts, school ties, blazers, black trousers, skirts or leggings, and a black jumper or cardigan if preferred. Pupils are allowed to wear additional items of outer clothing in class should the weather be cold. However it is unlikely this will necessary at this time of year. Many thanks for your support in ensuring standards remain high.

Finally, Falkirk Council have asked that the message below is circulated to parents/carers:

*The EU Settlement Scheme closes on 30 June.*

*The Scottish Government has relaunched their Stay in Scotland campaign encouraging EU, EEA and Swiss citizens to apply so they can carry on living, working, and studying here. The campaign will run on radio, digital, social and press in the coming weeks.*

*Work with service users is ongoing across the Council and there's [information on our employee pages](#) for any staff this may affect. To raise as much awareness as possible, I'd be grateful if you could share the links below with relevant colleagues, anyone with outreach ability and any community groups you work with.*

- [Apply to the EU Settlement Scheme](#)
- [Get help applying to the EU Settlement Scheme](#)
- [OISC Campaign](#) – importance of using registered Immigration Advisers and what to do if poor or illegal advice is given (info available in 19 languages)
- [Scottish Government's toolkit](#) which includes information leaflets, posters in different languages and suggested social media posts.

I hope all Braes families are keeping well and we look forward to a busy and productive remainder of term.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone