

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of the fourth week of this term, our pupils continue to make good progress and our school continues to be a busy and vibrant place. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

#### School Uniform

To promote ventilation, windows in classrooms are being left open more than would normally be the case during winter months. Pupils are therefore, at the direction of the teacher, permitted to wear outdoor jackets when in class. However we are keen that this does not impact on the high standards of school uniform Braes pupils are known for. We would therefore ask for parents'/carers' ongoing support in ensuring full school uniform is worn to school. The blazer is part of the school uniform. We will be promoting this message to our young people.

#### Keeping the community tidy

Braes pupils and staff will be participating in a community litter pick next week. We have been reminding pupils of their responsibility as members of the local community to keep the area as tidy as possible. The vast majority of our young people dispose of litter appropriately and it is anticipated that with these messages, all pupils will play their part. We would ask in particular that if you permit your young person to go to Tesco at lunchtime, that you remind them to use the bins on the canal path. Many thanks for your support with this.

#### Falkirk Area Parent Forum

The next meeting of the Falkirk Area Parent Forum is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November. All parents/carers of young people in Falkirk schools are welcome. Details of this meeting are available at the link below or by emailing [falkirkparents1@yahoo.com](mailto:falkirkparents1@yahoo.com).

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#### Christmas Concert/Ceilidh

We have been monitoring Scottish Government COVID-19 guidance for schools. Given that no change in the guidance is foreseen in the coming weeks, we unfortunately have to cancel the Senior Christmas Ceilidh. We will be speaking with House Captains about this situation and how we can have an informal event within the school during the pupil day, mindful of the mitigations in place in schools. Similarly, we also have to cancel the in-person Christmas concert, and replace this with an online showcase. The Music department are still rehearsing the types of musical items that would normally be in the Christmas Concert, to allow our young people the opportunity to showcase their talents. Details of this online performance will be issued shortly.

Many thanks for your ongoing support of your young people and the school.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone