

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are very much looking forward to seeing our young people back in Braes High School tomorrow, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Pupils should arrive before 8.50am and go to their designated outside space (S1/2 – back of school, S3/4 side of school. S5/6 front of school).

The Scottish Government published further guidance yesterday, amending slightly their wording of how self-isolation should operate and providing more information as to how contact tracing will work. This has been incorporated into the relevant sections of the attached Restart Guide for parents. The other main points to be borne in mind by pupils are noted below:

- Wear school uniform, including a blazer
- Bring a face covering
- Come prepared for learning with any books, equipment, jotters, pens etc. you may need
- You will get to do practical activity in your practical subjects
- Try to distance from other pupils as much as you can
- Maintain physical distancing from all adults
- S1-3 pupils will have different lunches and interval from S4-6 pupils
- Sanitise or wash your hands at every opportunity
- Think seriously about participating in the LFD COVID-19 testing
- If participating in LFD testing, take a test two days before returning for the new school term
- On the first day back, go to your year group's outside area (S1/2 – back of school, S3/4 side of school. S5/6 front of school)
- If go to a shop or takeaway at lunchtime, you need to follow their rules
- Use the toilet allocated to your House group
- Follow the one way system and signage

A number of other updates are noted below:

#### Pupil Photographs

Pupil individual photographs will be taken on Friday for pupils in years S1, S2, S3 and S5 by a professional photographer. Pupils will be issued with a note of the company's details and how to order photographs should parents/carers wish to do so. There is of course no obligation to do so.

#### Dux Medallist and S6 Award

Congratulations go to our Dux Medallist, Peter Mitchell, and to Simon Morley, the recipient of this year's S6 Award. Both Peter's and Simon's achievements will be acknowledged at the Senior Awards Ceremony in September, which will be held online. We will also host a celebration event in school for our young people who have won prizes.

#### Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities

These are being collated and will be circulated to pupils next week.

#### Parent Council and Friends at Braes

We are fortunate at Braes to have two supportive and positive parent/carer groups; our Parent Council and Friends at Braes. Our Parent Council supports the school in policy development, discussion on a variety of educational issues and also liaises well with our Pupil Council. The Annual

General Meeting of the Parent Council takes place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, online via Zoom. Further details of this event will be issued in the coming weeks. Our Parent Council Chairperson is Mrs Heather McManus, who can be contacted via email at [braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com).

We are also well supported by Friends at Braes, our parent-led fundraising organisation, which also offers practical support to in-school events. Friends at Braes have made significant contributions for our pupils over the years, with a well-run uniform recycling service also part of the support offered. Further information can be gained from Chairperson Mrs Leah Curry via email at [friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com). The Friends at Braes Annual General Meeting takes place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 6.30pm, online via Zoom, and further information will be issued in relation to this meeting.

### Communication

Direct communications with parents/carers are sent via email. Further information about the life and work of Braes High School can be found at the following sources:

Our Website - [Braes High Website](#)

Our Twitter feed - [Braes High Twitter](#)

You do not need to be signed up to Twitter to access this. There are also multiple other departmental feeds.

Our School App – please access your App Store, find ‘School App for Parents’, and then select Braes High School

I hope all Braes families are doing well just now, and it is with anticipation and positivity that we look forward to the session ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone