

Dear Parent/Carer,

We look forward to welcoming our young people back in school on Tuesday 19th October 2021. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

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](#)

COVID-19 guidance for schools

Parents/carers may have noted last week some press reports on draft updated guidance for schools in relation to COVID-19 procedures. This guidance has not yet been circulated. When it is, we will consider its content and update parents/carers and pupils accordingly.

In the meantime, we would encourage pupils to continue to participate in the Lateral Flow Testing programme and register your results thereafter. This can be done via the link below:

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

Please also remember that if anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms, the entire household should isolate and the symptomatic person should seek a PCR test. The household must remain in isolation until a negative PCR test result is returned. If you are identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (e.g. you live in the same household or have been contacted by Test and Protect), you require to isolate and book a PCR test. If the PCR test result is negative, you can return to work and your normal activity.

Message from Skills Development Scotland - S1 parents/carers webinar

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) offers a range of in-school services to support your child from first year onward. Watch this webinar to find out more about SDS and what our careers advisers can do to support your child's career development and planning:

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/parents/topics>

S4 and S6 Photographs

Pupils in S4 and S6 will have their individual photographs taken on Tuesday 26th October. These will be available for purchase by parents/carers. Pupils will be issued with details of how to order these.

Charity Fundraising Day

Our Pupil Council have selected a number of charities to support this session. Two of these are the Braes Storehouse Foodbank and Strathcarron Hospice. On Friday 29th October 2021, pupils will be able to take part in a non-uniform day, and make a contribution to these charities. All money raised

will be split evenly between the two charities. As we are approaching Halloween, we expect pupils may ask if they can wear fancy dress on that day. The answer to that is yes, although there is no need to. If pupils do wish to `dress up' rather than dress down, it should be borne in mind that normal lessons will be taking place. As usual any equipment such as iPads, PE and/or Home Economics kit should be brought on that day.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Livingstone