

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week has again seen our young people continue to demonstrate a positive attitude to their learning, and participate in the life of their school. It is of course encouraging to see this, and the efforts of parents/carers in preparing young people for school are very much appreciated. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

### School Captains

Our new School Captains for session 2021/22 have been confirmed, following a rigorous and highly competitive selection process. Congratulations go to Darcy Dewar and Leah Mungall who have been appointed as School Captains, and also to Louise Robertson and Evan Park on being appointed as Vice-Captains.

### Higher English and Higher Mathematics – Family Learning resource

Our English and Mathematics departments have worked together to create an online resource for pupils studying Higher in these subjects. It will also no doubt be of interest to parents/carers. It can be accessed via the school's YouTube channel using the link below:

[Higher English and Maths support resource](#)

### IPads

Our young people have taken well to the regular use of iPads in their lessons. We have been encouraging all our pupils to make sure they bring their iPad, and charger, to school each day. In the same way as we use pens and pencils, the iPad will now be an essential part of school equipment every day. Again, the support of parents/carers in promoting this message is helpful.

### Face Coverings

The vast majority of our pupils consistently bring a face covering to school. However it would be helpful if every young person could bring a face covering, as this would reduce the number issued across each week. The support of parents/carers in discussing this matter with your young person(s) is appreciated.

### Lateral Flow Testing

Again, it is good to see so many of our young people collecting test kits from the school. From communications with parents/carers there is no doubt that these are playing a part in helping keeping our school and wider community as safe as possible. In addition to completing the test, please remember it can be registered using the link below:

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

### Outdoor Clothing

As we begin to move into the colder months, we have had queries from parents/carers about the school's position on outdoor clothing. While the school blazer remains a key part of school uniform, pupils can of course wear outdoor jackets to and from school, with the blazer being worn when in school. As we require to keep windows open at points during the day to enhance ventilation, it may

be the case that teachers allow pupils to wear outdoor jackets in class at some times during the lesson.

### Road Safety

We have been communicating with our pupils about the importance of keeping safe when in the community and near roads. In particular, we have been asking pupils to use the designated road crossings and to take care if going to Tesco, given the narrow pathways at the canal bridge. If your young person goes to Tesco at lunchtime, we would be grateful for your support in reinforcing this message.

### COVID-19 Vaccinations

Earlier this week, a letter from the Chief Medical Officer was issued to parents/carers in relation to COVID-19 Vaccinations. It is attached again for reference.

### Flu Immunisation

Recently, the NHS Flu Immunisation team were in school delivering flu vaccinations to pupils. They have provided the telephone number 0800 130 3120 which can be used if any pupil missed their flu vaccine.

### Introduction to Skills Development Scotland (SDS) for parents and carers of S1 pupils - Wednesday 29 September 2021

Please see the notice from Skills Development Scotland:

Want to know more about SDS career information, advice and guidance support for your young person throughout their time at school? Join our careers advisers Lesley and Gordon to hear about SDS, the role of SDS careers advisers in schools and information to support career planning. The online session will also introduce our careers web service My World of Work which has a dedicated area for parents and carers.

Parents and carers can register for our session here: <https://s1parentsandcarers.eventbrite.co.uk>

On behalf of all at Braes, I wish all our families well just now.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone