

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our young people continue to make good progress in their studies and participate in the wider life of the school. We are grateful to parents/carers for their continued support in ensuring young people are ready to learn and make such progress, and look forward to the remaining weeks of term. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

End of Term arrangements

The last day of term is Tuesday 21st December 2021. School will formally close at 1.30pm on that day. Further details regarding bus transport will be issued as we get closer to that date.

Braes Storehouse Foodbank collection

As happened last session, Braes staff and pupils have been involved in a number of projects to support others perhaps less fortunate during this time. One such activity is the food bank collection to help our local community and support the Braes Storehouse Foodbank. If any parent/carer wishes to donate any long life food items, toiletries or cleaning products it would be greatly appreciated. Such items can be handed in to the school office or to any of the collection points mentioned in pupils' House Teams pages, up until Friday 17th December.

Homeless Care Packages

A group of Braes pupils have approached Senior Management with a plan to put together care packages to support homeless people. The pupils involved aim to collate essential items such as water bottles and other personal care products, and donate these to homeless charities as appropriate, such as Cyrenians, Shelter or Social Bite. If any parent/carer wishes to donate to this project, the school Ipay system has been set up to allow this, with a clearly marked payment option. The pupils will use any funds donated to buy appropriate items. Similarly, should any parents/carer wish to donate any personal care product, these can also be handed in to the school office.

Christmas Concert

Although we cannot have an in-person concert this year due to the COVID-19 arrangements for schools, the Music department have been keen to ensure our young people are able to showcase their talents to the wider community. Please see the message from the department below:

Our "12 Tweets of Christmas" begins on Monday the 6th of December. On every school day for the next 12 days we will be publishing on our Twitter (@BraesMusic) and Music Department YouTube channels (www.youtube.com/fcbraeshigh) a video of some of our groups and solo performers with musical pieces for your enjoyment.

As part of this, we will also have an online concert on Wednesday the 15th of December at 7pm, on both the Music Department and the School YouTube channels, which will collect together the recordings (and maybe a few bonus items) for you to sit back, relax and enjoy.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council meets next on Wednesday 1st December at 7pm, online via Zoom. Should you wish to virtually attend this meeting please email braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com.

Lateral Flow Testing

Please encourage our young people to continue to participate in Lateral Flow testing and to record results using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Face Coverings

We continue to see significantly reduced numbers of young people requiring to be issued with a face covering compared with earlier in the session. However we have seen a slight upturn in the numbers being issued over the last week and of course want to ensure that does not climb any higher. The support of parents/carers in ensuring pupils have a face covering with them before leaving for school is greatly appreciated.

We hope all Braes families are keeping and coping well.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Livingstone