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Following on from the announcement from North Lanarkshire I am delighted to be able to welcome your child to their first year at Braidhurst High School and full time education from Wednesday 12th of August when we will go through our new procedures. We expect to see your child in full school uniform. They should also bring a waterproof jacket with them.

As you will appreciate there will be a lot of changes to how the school operates and this is under constant review. In this letter I have included details about the arrangements for the first week. I will provide more details on the school website over the coming days and weeks.

Please read the following carefully.

On arrival to school S3 should enter via the pupil gate if walking to school and walk straight to the foot of the tower and line up in Zone 3 (green). This is positioned at the snack bar. The school day starts at 8.55 am each day.

If arriving by bus or car they should enter via the top gate, walk round the side of the assembly hall, down the front steps, to the bottom of the tower round to the green zone.

Pupils should stand in a green circle, this will allow for social distancing. Staff will be there to direct them.

On entering the school pupils should use the hand sanitiser at the entrance. They will be escorted to their Period 1 class. We have various sanitising stations around the school, however we would encourage your child to bring their own, which they can use at any time. We have included a copy of their timetable.

There is now a one way system in the school. This will be explained to your child in their first class as will procedures for interval and lunchtime.

Pupils should bring a bag and should bring a pencil, pen, ruler, rubber, sharpener and calculator.

They will not need a PE kit or football strip for the 12th to 14th of August. During the first week staff will explain procedures during this time.

S3 pupils will be allowed out of school 5 minutes before the end of the day to avoid congestion at the gate and enable social distancing. On a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday this will be at 3.40pm and on a Wednesday and Friday at 2.50pm. Pupils travelling by school bus will go straight to the bus.

We kindly ask that you do not wait around the gate or park near the front of the school to ease departure of pupils.

Information for Parents:-

If dropping off your child by car we ask you drive to the top gate and drop your child. Do not drive into the car park. Your child will then enter via the top gate and walk round the side of the school to their zone.

Parents will not be allowed on the school premises or into the building. If you wish to contact the school you will find the email addresses for your child's pupil support teacher on the school website or please phone 01698 274999.



Please do not send your child if they are unwell. If they become unwell in school we will contact you to collect them. It is therefore important that we have the most up to date contact information. Please complete the data check, GDPR and ICT form which should be returned on the 12th of August. These can be posted in the red post box at the front office.

Pupils are strongly advised not to bring valuables into the school. Pupils who do so are responsible for them and the school cannot be held responsible for any property lost or stolen. This includes property lost or stolen in the changing rooms. Lockers are available for pupils to use and pupils should see Ms Watson with regards hiring a locker for £10 (£5 deposit will be returned at the end of the session.) There are also hand lockers available during PE lessons.

Lunches

You will see from North Lanarkshire Council website there are changes to procedures for school lunches.

Paying by cash is being taken out the process to help reduce the spread of the virus. However, for the first three days, 12th-14th August Grab and Go bags containing sandwiches will be available at a cost of £2.50 (exact money only) with a choice of only Tuna/Meat/Cheese.

These will be collected as follows:-
S1/2 – Tuck shop area
S3 – Snack Van
S4/5/6 – Dining Hall

Cashless payment is available through the iPay Impact system which can be signed up for. Parents are encouraged to set up an account. Many parents/carers have already signed up to use online payments, it will be the same one your child used in primary school. Information can be found on how to do this on NLC website.

From Monday 17th August, there will be a limited menu in all schools, this will include some hot meal choices. NLC are also introducing a mobile phone app called Fusion Mobile which will allow pupils to pre-order food from the school cafeteria. This will ensure that there are no long queues at break or lunchtimes as well as taking away the need for handling cash. Parents/carers and pupils will be issued with details of how to set up and utilise the app. The local authority are hopeful this will be in operation from Monday 17th August, details will be given to your child during next week.

I hope this letter provides sufficient information for your child to return to school. We are working hard to keep them safe and will ensure they are fully aware of everything that we put in place.

Please visit our school website where we will post updates regularly and share our procedures with you.

Yours faithfully

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