



# BRAIDHURST HIGH SCHOOL

## **NEWSLETTER**

We have been delighted to welcome our pupils back to school this term. We have had a very successful start with our pupils looking great in full school uniform. This helps make them easily identifiable and brings a real sense of belonging. The following provides an update to help keep you informed.

### **1. Update on COVID procedures**

As per guidelines, all pupils must wear a mask in school unless they are exempt. If your child is exempt, you must provide a note for pupil support. Please encourage your child to bring their own mask with them. There are lots of hand sanitising machines around the school as well as bottles of hand sanitisers in classrooms. Your child should use these regularly.

Lateral flow testing kits are available from the school office, and we encourage all pupils to use at least twice a week. Your child must have returned a consent form to be able to receive one.

As a school we have erred on the side of caution throughout this pandemic. Please do not send your child to school if they have Covid symptoms, been identified through track and trace as a close contact or have had a positive result from a lateral flow test. You should book a PCR test as a matter of urgency. Please keep us informed of all steps or if you need help or guidance.

### **2. Future Friday**

As you are aware we now finish at 12.30pm on a Friday. There are various activities on a Friday afternoon throughout the school which your child is more than welcome to stay and enjoy. These finish at 2.55pm. If your child wishes to participate, they should speak to Mr Pryde (PE) to sign up.

### **3. Data Forms/Flu Vaccination**

All data forms, ICT returns etc. (which were issued during the holidays) should have been returned to the school. It is important that we have the most up to date contact details in case of an emergency. This is the last year when Annual Data Checks will be issued on paper, in future you will be responsible for updating your child's record via North Lanarkshire Council's Parent Portal. Details of how to sign up for the portal were included in the paperwork issued during the holidays. Please contact the school office if you have problems accessing this.

Your child should have brought home a letter about Flu Vaccinations which should be completed. All forms should be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

#### **4. Parent Group Meeting**

The first meeting of our Parent Group is scheduled for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm. The meeting will be held virtually at present so you will be able to join us in the comfort of your own home with a coffee! If you are interested in coming along or finding out more, please contact the Chairperson, Mr David Clark on [dclark@phoenixss.co.uk](mailto:dclark@phoenixss.co.uk)

#### **5. S1 Information Evening**

Unfortunately, we are still unable to hold Parent Meetings in the building. We are therefore planning to hold a virtual meeting for our S1 Parents on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. This will enable us to give you some more information about the school, our procedures and processes. Ms Kerr, the DHT responsible for S1, will speak about how we will report on your child throughout the session. We will then break out into smaller 'rooms' where your child's pupil support teacher will briefly chat about their role in supporting your child.

#### **6. S5/6 Information Evening**

There will be a virtual meeting on teams for S5/6 pupils and parents. This will include information on the courses your child is following, study techniques and how we support your child to access career advice. We will also be discussing some of the leadership opportunities that are open to them. This will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 6.30pm until 7.30pm.

I hope you find the above information useful. Working in partnership ensures the best education for your child. If there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Contact details are on the school website [www.braidhurst.org](http://www.braidhurst.org).