

Dear Parent/Carer,

Parents/carers will no doubt be aware, as advised in the letter from Falkirk Council Children's Services, that the trade union GMB have informed the Council that their school and ELCC members intend to strike across Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th September. As advised by Children's Services, this would mean Braes High School is closed to pupils on these dates.

On each of these three days, Braes teachers will deliver remote learning online for their normally timetabled lessons. Pupils have been issued with the advice below via their Year Group Teams pages.

The email addresses of Pastoral, Pupil Support staff and other colleagues are noted below to enable any communication required on these days.

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We look forward to seeing our young people in school on Monday 25th September and Friday 29th September next week and to engaging with them online on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Should anything change in relation to this situation, I will of course be in touch to communicate further.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone

Guidance for pupils - posted on Year Group Teams pages

You will probably be aware that due to strike action, the school will be closed on Tuesday 26th September, Wednesday 27th September and Thursday 28th September. This means you should not come into school on those days. Instead, you should log onto Teams and work with your teachers through your normal timetabled lessons on each of these days. The timings for the online learning days are set out below :

9.00am until 9.45am – Period 1

9.50am until 10.35am – Period 2

10.35am until 10.50am – Interval

10.50am until 11.35am – Period 3

11.40am until 12.30pm – Period 4

12.30pm until 1.10pm – Lunch

1.10pm until 1.55pm – Period 5

2.00pm until 2.50pm – Period 6

2.55pm until 3.40pm - Period 7 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

You are expected to be online in the right Team page for the start of each lesson and get involved in all planned learning activities. Your teachers may ask you questions directly and you will be able to ask questions of your teacher, either directly or through the Chat function. The same high standards of behaviour and effort we would expect in school, are expected when learning online. We know this is not the same as learning in class – however we want you to keep progressing with your learning.

The school will be open to pupils on Monday 25th September and Friday 29th September. You should be in school as normal on those days.

There are no school-college classes running on these days. If you have a college class at some point in your timetable you should this time to carry on with your general studies.

If you have a timetabled consortia lesson, the teacher from the delivering school will lead the learning for that period on Teams at the normal timetabled times.