

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BRAES HIGH SCHOOL</b> <b>COVID-19 Guidance for parents/carers and pupils (April 2022)</b></p>
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### Routine Protective Measures

Children, young people and staff must stay at home and self-isolate if they:

- have symptoms of COVID-19, whether they feel unwell or not
- have tested positive, even if asymptomatic
- are required to self-isolate for any other reason in line with the requirements set out on NHS Inform
- are identified as a close contact and are over 18 years and 4 months and not fully vaccinated

Public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19 should be followed as per the relevant Scottish Government guidance [Scottish Government Guidance](#) and [NHS Inform Test and Protect](#).

People who have symptoms of COVID-19 should self-isolate and book a PCR test. People will still be able to book PCR tests in the usual way until 30 April. From that date, test sites will close and people with symptoms will no longer be advised that they need to seek a test. The public health advice for people who feel unwell will be to stay at home until they feel better, to reduce the risk of infecting other people.

### Hygiene

Everyone should continue to ensure good hand hygiene, washing and sanitising hand regularly throughout the day, and ensuring we continue to wipe down surfaces.

### Ventilation

Windows will be open periodically to ensure learning spaces are well ventilated. Pupils can wear jackets in class if temperatures drop. Normal school uniform should be worn.

### Face Coverings

Pupils and staff do not require to wear face coverings during lessons, but should wear face coverings when in communal area and on school transport. Anyone who wishes to wear a face covering will be strongly supported in doing so.

### One Way system

The one way system will change to what is noted below:

Ground floor – pupils can move in either direction.

First floor – pupils move from the Modern Languages end to the Science end

Second floor – pupils move from the Humanities end to the Mathematics end

### Testing

The advice for pupils and staff to take twice-weekly Lateral Flow Tests does not apply after the Easter school holiday.

### Classroom seating layouts

These may be slightly different for pupils in some lessons, or at some times during lessons, to support more interactive learning when appropriate.

### Events

Whilst current guidance has relaxed restrictions in the wider community, education settings are advised not to be arranging non-essential indoor events for adult audiences at this time. Children's Services are keeping this situation under review in the knowledge that schools will be considering plans for the end of school term events, celebrations etc. For Braes, our plan at present is that the Junior Awards and Senior Awards take place for pupils only, video recorded for families to watch later at home. A decision will be made in May as to whether our school show can have its usual audience, whether our S6 Graduation can involve parents/carers, and whether our P7 Parent/Carer information evening can take place in-person.