

# Braes High School – P7 transition

## FAQs



*Our Pastoral Heads have been visiting our P7 cluster classes over the last couple of weeks and you have been asking lots of good questions so I thought it would be a good idea to answer some of your questions so everyone has the answers. Because of the current circumstances we don't have the answers to some of your questions and for others, we will be sending your parents and carers information next term but I will try to answer the ones that lots of people asked.*

### **I want to know about the school buses?**

There were a number of questions about school transport. The best way to find out about our bus timetables, who is eligible for free bus passes and to apply for a bus pass is by visiting the Falkirk Council website [School life - School transport | Falkirk Council](#)

### **What should I bring to school? A bag? Pencil case? Calculator?**

We encourage all of our young people to bring a school bag with pens, pencils and everything else you might need for your lessons in school that day including things like PE kit, containers for Home Economics and jotters. Departments will let you know when you need to get devices like calculators. Pupils don't get lockers until they are in S5/S6 so you need to carry everything with you.

### **What does the Braes High School uniform look like?**

We are very proud of our uniform and all of our young people wear full uniform to school. Our young people wear a black skirt or trousers (leggings are allowed); a white shirt; a plain black jumper or cardigan (no slogans); plain black shoes, boots or trainers; our blazer (no braid) and for juniors, a red tie.

Our blazers and a number of other items can be purchased from Trutex in Falkirk and can be viewed and ordered online through the following link

[www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/braes-high-school](http://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/braes-high-school)

We also run a successful uniform exchange in school. If your young person requires any item of school uniform, there is a room full of freshly laundered clothing available. This is a confidential service and you can email to request items by clicking [Here](#)

### **Can I bring my phone to school?**

You can bring your phone to school and you are allowed to use your phone during break and lunchtime. There will also be occasions where you are allowed to use your device in the classroom but this will always be on the instruction of your class teacher.

### **What does the school day look like? What time are breaks?**

I sent out a task where you could work with a Braes High school timetable and this showed the timings of the day, including break and lunch. If you haven't looked at it already you can find it on [P7 Transition 2021 | Braes High School](#)

### **Where can we go for break and lunch?**

All pupils must stay in the school grounds at break, our hub is open at break for young people to buy a snack or roll. At lunchtime S1 pupils, along with the rest of the school, can bring their own lunch, buy lunch from our hub and are allowed to leave the school grounds to get their lunch. It is important to remember that you don't have very long for lunch so you should not go out if you can't make it back in time for afternoon classes.

**When will we find out who is in our class and will we get a chance to come to Braes before Summer?**

We don't know yet if you will be able to come in to school before the Summer holidays but will let you know as soon as we do. We will let you know which House group and class you will be in before the Summer break; Campsie (yellow), Lomond (blue), Ochil (green) or Pentland (red). We always try to ensure our young people have other pupils they already know in their class but we also have to take lots of other things into account so please don't worry about it too much, it's good to have a mixture of people you know and new people to make friends with, and in some of your classes those groups will be mixed up anyway.

**Who decides where we sit in class?**

Teachers will organise where you sit in your different subjects so you will get the chance to meet lots of different people and concentrate on your work.

**Will the work / homework be really difficult?**

The work and homework that you will get in S1 will lead on from what you have done in primary so it won't be too hard for you and there isn't as much homework as you might think, lots of our pupils actually say there is less than in primary school!

**What will we do in classes like ICT, Home Economics and PE?**

Have a look at the virtual curricular tour that I shared a few weeks ago, that will give you lots of information about the different subjects you will study in S1, you can find the tour by following the link [Braes curricular tour](#)

**What clubs are there in school?**

We have lots of different clubs in school from sports clubs to board games, theatre groups to eco clubs, and will be telling you more about that next term.

**What will it be like in August? Will we be wearing face coverings and have extra rules?**

We don't know yet what school will be like in August but we will send out information to all of your young people and families closer to the time so you know what to expect. You will have lots of support from staff and senior pupils to help you settle in when you get here and everyone will help you get to know the school.

**My favourite question...how bouncy are the trampolines?**

Bouncy!!

*Please remember to complete the family form if you haven't already. You can access the form on the P7 transition page on our website or through the following link*

[P7 transition - family form - March 2021](#)

*We will be sharing lots more information next term so please keep an eye on the P7 transition page on our website [P7 Transition 2021 | Braes High School](#)*

*Have a great holiday!!*

*Miss Wilkinson*