



# Braeside School

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Dear Parents

### Re: Headmistress's Letter

Welcome back to you all and I hope you had a wonderful, festive break with family and friends.

We had a very busy end to the Autumn term and it was a pleasure to watch pupils sing, dance and perform at the various Christmas activities. Thank you for supporting these events. It was also a pleasure to see Year 11 and Year 7 parents at the recent Parents Evenings. It has been lovely to spend time talking to parents at the Coffee Mornings too. I hope to see you in our forthcoming events this term.

### Reports

Senior and Junior reports have been changed to reflect our ever-changing world of assessment and monitoring. Junior reports have a slightly different format that we believe are easier to interpret. We have modelled the Senior reports having looked at reports from other schools and from listening to your feedback and comments over the past year as we move to using GCSE results. Hopefully, you would have read these over the break. Please do read these and discuss the comments and reflections by staff with your child. The narrative we use with children in school is that targets are set to support change and improvement. If you have any questions about the report, please contact your child's teacher directly for the most effective response.

### Residents around the school

It was lovely to see such a turnout of local residents at our Carols Around the Christmas Tree event at the end of last term. I had many messages from the attendees to say how well the children sang and how polite they were. This was very pleasing to read!

Please do be respectful when dropping your child to school. Do not block driveways or use private driveways to turn around. **Please do not mount the pavement as pupils and members of the public are walking on them.** Please try to use the surrounding roads to ease congestion around the school site. This makes drop off and pick up more pleasant and safe for everyone.

### Charitable events

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of our Braeside families that supported the FOBS disco by purchasing a ticket and helping out at the event. These special events really wouldn't go ahead without the support from parents helping out. However, there are still more staff than parents running the event. If you would like to help out at the next event, please get in touch with FOBS.

Thank you to those families who bought pizza and dough making kits too. All proceeds go back into the FOBS charity that have purchased many items for school such as the microphones for performances. However, many children said they felt they had missed out because they hadn't purchased pizza making kits. Please do read the information that has been sent to you from FOBS so that your child can join in with these events. In this case, there was a link on the email sent to be able to sign up.

On behalf of the Pearly Queen's Charity (who were collecting new toys for families at Christmas), I would like to say an enormous thank you. You all provided items for families in need over the festive period. It is really important that children understand the small changes they can make (whether it be time, items or money) to play their part in their community.

### **Pre-loved Uniform by FOBS**

FOBS are continuing to take ownership of the 'pre-loved uniform' sales for this academic year. We would be delighted to accept the following Braeside uniform items: navy jumpers, navy blazers, skirts / kilts, pinafores, summer dresses, grey uniform trousers, Braeside tie, PE hoodies and PE leggings. These must, of course, be the Braeside branded uniform. FOBS will be collecting this uniform this month. If you have any pre-loved (clean) items, please drop them off at the office in a carrier bag. These will be on sale later in the term.

### **PE items and uniform**

Year 7-9 pupils will be doing hockey this term at Old Loughtonians Hockey Club. Miss Barrett has written to you already about being equipped for this sport by having a gumshield, hockey stick and shin pads. Please get in contact with Miss Barrett ahead of the PE lesson if you have any questions.

### **Pupil wellbeing on the return to school**

I am aware that pupils have had a fun and busy time over the festive period. To ensure pupils are supported and ready for the term ahead, please pack bags the night before school, go to bed in good time and have a breakfast that sustains until morning break. Try to talk about returning to school so that your child is prepared for the routine and what to expect. If you have any questions about the return to school, please contact your child's teacher or form tutor in the first instance, as they are the first person your child will see on the first day back.

### **Snow and Wintry Weather**

Our aim is always to stay open even in snowy weather, unless there is a health and safety concern in doing so. The maintenance team arrive on site early to clear paths and to make the site safe, and an update will be posted on the website by 7.15am so that parents are informed about arrangements for the day.

During the winter months, please ensure that your children wear the appropriate plain hats, scarves and gloves, according to the uniform list. If boots are worn to school in snowy weather, shoes should be brought to change into on arrival.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Please make a note of the following dates for this term:

Tue 09 Jan	First day of Spring Term
Wed 10 Jan	Year 1 & Year 2 Coffee Morning
Thur 11 Jan	Year 6 & Year 7 Harry Potter World
Fri 12 Jan	Year 10 & Year 11 Blood Brothers Workshop
Mon 15 Jan	Year 9 & Year 10 Study Workshop
Tues 16 Jan	11+ Entrance Examination
Tues 16 Jan	KG-Year 1 Barking Dog Training Club
Wed 17 Jan	Early Years Coffee Morning
Wed 17 Jan	Years 5, 6 & 7 Football Vs Coopersale
Fri 19 Jan	Year 10 & 11 GCSE Art Trip to National Portrait Gallery
Fri 19 Jan	Year 1 Trip to Young V & A
Tues 23 Jan	Year 7 Netball Vs Chigwell

Thurs 25 Jan	Year 6 Netball Vs Coopersale
Tues 30 Jan	Year 8 & 9 Netball Vs Trinity
Wed 31 Jan	ISA Netball
Thur 01 Feb	Years 7 – 11 Upfront Theatre Workshop
Mon 5 Feb	Year 7 – Year 10 Assessment Week
Tues 6 Feb	U11 Tag Rugby Festival @ Peter May

I hope your child has a positive start to the new Spring Term. As ever, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself, Mr Masood, Miss Barrett or Miss Wood.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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