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Dear Parents and Carers

As we settle into the school year and the new routines that we have had to adopt, I wanted to thank parents and carers for your support and helping the school run so smoothly. I also want to congratulate the pupils who have adapted to school and conducted themselves so well. I am grateful for the patience and understanding of parents in not coming to school without an appointment and accepting that phone calls will be returned after pupils have left the building.

It is clear that the control measures in schools will be in place for some time and that this week the responsibilities on us all are increasing. This includes the wearing of face coverings in indoor communal areas of school and on school buses. On school buses, this is a condition of travel, for those who are not exempt, and if any pupil refuses to follow the regulations then they may face a ban on using the buses. Please do discuss this with your child if they use the school bus.

I know that many parents are trying to avoid school transport in response to government advice and bringing and collecting their children in cars. However, I need to ask parents to not come onto the school site when doing this. This is because we have an increased number of pupils who have additional needs in terms of their mobility and they need specialist transport. Also, the car park area is used by pupils for pedestrian access at the moment and parents picking up their children on the car park causes a real hazard. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Parents should have already had communication about the increased options on the menu at lunchtime. The App will provide the details and more options, including more hot food choices, these will be added over the next few days.

I have also been asked to share with you a letter from Blackburn with Darwen reinforcing some key messages about self-isolation. This has been posted on the website.

Thank you for your continued support

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