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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult period.

As a school we are being as proactive as we can. We are implementing the following actions:

- Educating the students about the importance of washing hands with soap, regularly, for 20 seconds.
- Putting appropriate advice around school. E.g. GOV.uk posters and reminding students to wash their hands and promote good hygiene.
- We are ensuring that we have hand sanitisers and wipes in all areas for students and staff to access.
- Working with our cleaning staff to strengthen our regular, robust and thorough cleaning regime for regularly touched objects and surfaces.
- Carefully contingency planning for possible changes to guidance offered by the government and ensuring that all the resources that will be required by students are available either online or as paper copies.

We also:

- Follow a routine cleaning programme with emphasis on frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Provide adequate supplies for good hygiene, including clean and functional handwashing stations, soap, paper towels etc.
- Follow PHE guidance regarding school closures, if necessary

We will continue to give you regular updates as and when necessary. If we are in a situation where we have to close the school either through the advice received from the government or in any other situation, we will update our website immediately and text all parents. In this event we have ensured that there is provision in place for all of our students to access their learning at home providing they have access to the internet.

Access to online learning for all year groups can be found on the school website under <u>"Quick Links"</u>. On the school website, students can access:

- <u>Google Classroom</u> each student has a personal login where they can access materials set by their teacher.
- <u>OneDrive</u> all students have access to OneDrive where they can save and share their own work.
- <u>Outlook school accounts</u> students also have their email account which they can use to contact their teachers.

Moreover, we have set up an email account to support children who forget their passwords for other online IT resources: <u>Passwords@bchs.co.uk</u>

Students should email this address from their school outlook account in the event they need their password resetting.

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There are a further range of resources which are internet based our children can access. Please see our <u>website</u> for further details.

For children and families who do not have access to the internet we will provide work packs and paper-based access to resources.

All of our students have been briefed on how to access their learning online and we are working closely with our colleagues at Blackburn with Darwen Council, Public Health England and the government to ensure that the safety and well-being of our children and staff continues to be our only priority.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs D Atkinson Headteacher