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Dear Parents,

Travel advice

Lancashire County Council have asked schools to pass on the attached letter about transport arrangements for the start of term.

Pupils are encouraged to walk or cycle to school if possible. They are also advised to avoid using public transport such as buses shared with the wider public.

Bus services that normally serve the school will be running at the start of term. The companies who run them have extra risk assessments and measures in place. For example, they may zone year groups within the buses. We do not yet know what the effect of those extra measures will be on the service. We understand that Stagecoach will be running an extra bus from the Black Bull stop so that LGGs and LRGS pupils travel on separate buses.

Staff will supervise bus queues separated by year group in the afternoons. We have asked buses to arrive early so that they can be filled and leave as promptly as possible.

We are also aware that some key train services are currently limited, although some timetables are under review and are expected to change in early September. Please check the timetables so that your son or daughter knows what time trains are running for the start of term.

Face coverings

Our current position is that face coverings are welcome but not compulsory. They should be of discreet design. All pupils need to wear face coverings on public transport and school buses.

You will have seen that the government's advice on masks has recently changed. We will consider what this means for our school and let you know before the start of term whether pupils will have to wear masks in communal areas.

Golden rules

The golden rules remain unchanged! Pupils must not come to school if they have any suspected symptoms, or have been on contact with anyone with symptoms. We will operate frequent handwashing and sanitising routines in school. We have significantly enhanced cleaning routines in school, and have a wide range of measures to reduce contacts and maximise distancing.

Despite these changes and complications, we are very much looking forward to welcoming pupils back to school for the start of term!

Yours faithfully,

Dr C J Pyle
Headmaster