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## Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you firstly for your support over the last two weeks. We are trying hard to get systems into place to support the continuity of learning for your children. Although the school gates are closed, we will maintain communication with all of our families.

Please complete the Home Learning Survey that can be found on our website <a href="www.bchs.co.uk">www.bchs.co.uk</a>. The survey asks for an up to date email address. Please ensure we have this as soon as possible as we are trying to provide a parent app for your phones and we will have it in place as soon as we can.

## **Free School Meals**

Since the school set up free school meal vouchers through Wonde, the government have announced their national scheme. We intend to move to their new scheme as soon as possible as it provides a higher voucher per child per week (£15.00) and we believe it to cover the Easter period. In order to receive your voucher you will need to have an email address that you can access. We do not have email address on file for all parents, you can provide this to us in a number of ways. Either by replying to a text message that we will send out this week. Or by accessing the online questionnaire mentioned in this letter and also available through our website. Once we have collated email addresses we will send out the link to the vouchers next week.

If you child does not currently receive free school meals and you think you may be entitled to claim, please contact Blackburn with Darwen Council on 01254 585585 or <a href="mailto:benefits@blackburn.gov.uk">benefits@blackburn.gov.uk</a> You can also apply through <a href="mailto:www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education">www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education</a>

There are still a number of parents who have not accessed the voucher that the school has purchased through Wonde, if you have not received a text or an email please let us have your up to date mobile number and email address ASAP.

## Curriculum

Over Easter we are working closely with SLT to design a simplified structure to the learning day, we will share after the Easter break.

## **End of Year Exams**

We have recently written to all of our Year 11 students regarding their GCSE examinations.

If you have any issues or concerns please email <u>info@bchs.co.uk</u> or phone 01254 505700. There are key members of staff in daily if you wish to discuss anything further.

Many Thanks

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