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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are delighted that your child/young person has chosen to study at Preston College this year and we trust that their experience to date has been positive as they settle into the College environment.

The College has enrolled significant numbers of students this year, and we have become aware that this has placed strain on the designated bus services operated by both Stagecoach and Preston Bus. This has created a situation whereby buses are filling quickly and some of our students are then left to find alternative ways into College.

Whilst the respective bus companies operate independently of the College, we are communicating with them in order to support solutions to this challenge. For our students who have bus passes, they can of course be used on all Stagecoach or Preston Bus Services (depending on which pass they have), but we do recognise and appreciate that this can sometimes promote a more challenging journey to College when the regular bus services are used.

What we do want to reinforce though, is that if your child/young person is late for College due to travel issues, then they will be welcomed into lesson and supported to catch-up on any learning missed. We will ensure that all staff are aware of the current travel challenges, and that they act sensitively if punctuality is impacted during period one of the College timetable.

We will continue to engage the bus companies in response to our high student numbers, and trust that the travel situation will improve in the coming weeks.

Kind regards



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