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A message to all Blackburn Rovers supporters.

The past 18 months have brought on unprecedented challenges and caused immense disruption to both our personal and working lives, not to mention the global economy.

The UK and India have both been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families who have lost their loved ones during this incredibly difficult time.

Restrictions on our daily lives are slowly being lifted and we are learning to contain the virus. Now, we must all look forward with a renewed sense of hope and optimism.

The future looks bright after the long-awaited return of our supporters to the stadium for last week's pre-season friendly against Leeds United. It was fantastic to see so many fans back inside Ewood Park watching such an entertaining encounter, with our emerging crop of young players performing so admirably against Premier League opposition on the night.

We are truly excited by the amount of young talent emerging through our Category One Academy, which we see as the lifeblood of the club moving forward, and we remain fully supportive and totally committed to the club at all levels.

We know you are keen to know when we will return to Ewood Park and it is something I am personally looking to plan into my schedule this coming season. I am eager to come back to meet the staff, the players and yourselves, our fans. I would like to thank you all for your unwavering support and commitment to the club during such challenging circumstances.

We send our best wishes to Tony Mowbray and his team for the upcoming Championship campaign, starting with Saturday's opening league fixture against Swansea City. As always, we will be watching and supporting the team as the season progresses.

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