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Dear Parent or Carer,

Are you getting frustrated at missing out on vital letters and information about what is going on in school? We would like to remind all parents about the types of communication that we use in school.

Our main form of communication is **Email** – which is <u>free</u>, <u>easily accessible</u> as most parents have email addresses to access the school portal and <u>reliable</u> (no letters getting 'lost' in school bags/blazer pockets).

However, you may not realise that school emails may be getting lost in your spam folder. Why not add us to your <u>contact list</u> or <u>address book</u>?

To help you to receive our message, the following addresses are used by the school:-

- school@arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk
- scanner@arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk
- portal@Arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk
- auto.1375.GroupEmail.2617636.1@schools.ps-connect.cloud

We also use the **"My Ed App"** to show up to date information on attendance, behaviour, key dates and latest news.

The **My Ed App** allows you to view information and keep up to date with what is going on in your child's school. The app will only allow you access to your child's information if the details you provide us match the telephone number on your mobile device. **Why not download the app from the Play Store?**

Don't forget to allow notifications then you will know when we have sent something!

Click on the link to find out the advantages of using the app <u>https://www.myedschoolapp.com/</u> We currently have only 36% uptake of the app ... so we need you to download the App today!

Text message is our last resort! Each text costs the school 6p, depending on the length of the text this can be multiplied by 2 or 3. We have over 1,200 pupils on roll and over 2,000 contacts, therefore a whole school single text can cost us up to £120.00. Last year we spent nearly £6,000 on sending text messages to parents, which is money that we would rather spend elsewhere on pupil resources.

If you have the **My Ed App** you will get the message and save the school money. This can then be spent on vital resources for your children.

The school website and our Twitter account are another great way to keep up to date with what is happening around school:













Other ways that we communicate with students / parents / carers:-

Mr Dumican's Weekly Blog	https://www.arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk/blog
Latest News	https://www.arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk/news

You can also follow our many Twitter accounts:-

<u>Department</u>	Twitter Information
St Edmund Arrowsmith	@SEACHS1961
Year 7 Year Group	@Year7_SEA
PE	@Eddies_PE / @EddiesRL
MFL	@mfl_seas
History	@SEAHistoryDept
Maths	@eddies_maths
English	@sea_english
Science	@Eddies_Science
Computing	@SEACHSComputing
BBC School Report	@SEASchoolReport
ROAR	@SEA_ROAR
RE	@REtweetsSEA
РТА	@SEACHPTA
Chaplaincy	@SEAChaplaincy
Careers	@SEACareers
Art	@sea_r_art (Instagram)
Learning Support	@SEALearningsupp

Thank you for your continued support and please help us to keep you up-dated on school events and notices.

Yours faithfully

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