



# St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

*Prepare the way of the Lord*

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Dear Parents/Carers

On the penultimate day before we break for Easter Term (31 March 2022 at 3.05 pm) I wanted to update you with several pieces of important information.

During this week we have held Lenten Services for all year groups in our Sports Hall, celebrated by Father John Gorman and organised by our Chaplain, Maria Ruane. They have been made extra special because it is the first time that we have been able to do this for two years due to Covid restrictions and it was fantastic to finally get back to some of our special occasions in school.

Special thanks to Father John who was in school for three consecutive days conducting the services for us, especially as he has so many demands on his time, we are very fortunate to have his support. The services gave everyone the time to remember that Easter is the most important time of the year and that we can make a difference by caring for others and listening more attentively to the readings from Scripture over the Easter period, made even more poignant by what is happening in Ukraine.

Following the cyberattack just before Christmas we are almost fully operational again, many thanks for your patience whilst we have brought services back online. Over Easter there is planned work to update Wisepay with all the transactions from this term and it should be available on our return after Easter. We realise that this will be a considerable amount to pay off for some parents, but ask that you please pay the balance as soon as you possibly can.

As a school, we have always asked parents to help us to maintain the high standards of uniform, attendance, academic progress and personal development that have been very strong over many years. We would like to **sincerely thank our parent body for your help and support over what has been a very difficult two years** for everybody. We very much hope to return to our 'normal' routines and procedures after the Easter holiday and ask that you reinforce our expectations at home and continue to support us in school when we are dealing with incidents that fall below these expectations. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Unfortunately, as we are now receiving regular complaints from residents both on Rookery Avenue in the morning and on St Oswald's Road after school about cars double parking, reversing etc, could I please remind all parents/relations who drop off/pick up **not** to drive down Rookery Avenue. Our designated drop-off/pick up point is St Oswald's Church car park on St Oswald's Avenue; it is only a couple of minutes walk from there. Please use the designated car park and ask your child to walk the couple of minutes to and from the car park at St Oswald's Church.

School will re-open for pupils on Tuesday 19 April 2022 and on behalf of the staff, pupils and governors of the school I wish you all a wonderful Easter.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher