



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the recent Government guidance update, I thought that I would let you know that I have written to parents today to notify them about the arrangements that we have put in place for the return of our **Year 10 pupils**.

I know that your son or daughter is not in this year group, but I wanted to let you know that our school community is thinking of them and as soon as the Government guidance allows, we will welcome them back to school.

However, for our Y10 pupils, life at school will be significantly different from what they have been used to. Firstly, during week commencing 15 June 2020 we will be holding separate 'Orientation days' for staff and pupils so that they can be introduced to the new rules and procedures that will be in place. Pupils will return home after their orientation sessions with packs of information containing their timetables and all the rules and health and safety procedures they must follow, which will have been explained to them by their form tutors.

From Monday 22 June 2020, Y10 pupils will attend in groups of around 40 pupils. These will be their allocated 'bubbles'. Each bubble group will be in school for 1 day a week for three of the weeks and twice a week for one of the weeks until the school term finishes on Friday 17 July 2020. The days will run from approximately 8.55am – 1.00pm and pupils will have two sessions of English/ Maths/Science and one session of all their other subjects. We cannot have a 'normal' school day with a lunchtime as it would be impossible to ensure social distancing rules are met, therefore the session will finish at 1.00pm.

Pupils will enter the site in groups of 10 at 5-minute intervals, keeping 2-metres apart during their allocated arrival time. The same procedure will happen at exit time. Pupils will be encouraged to walk or cycle to school and only use public transport if absolutely necessary, following the Government guidance provided [Click here](#)

To ensure the safety and well-being of all staff and pupils, revised expectations of behaviour and codes of practice will be in place and we will ask the parents of any pupils found willfully breaking any of the rules or disregarding procedures to pick them up as soon as possible.

I understand that this is a very worrying time in your son or daughter's life and the prolonged period away from school is creating many issues for a number of our pupils. If there is anything we can do to help, within the constraints that we find ourselves in, please do not hesitate to contact school.

However, please do not call into reception unless you have a prior appointment as the reception area is not big enough to maintain social distancing rules. Kindly telephone or email office@arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk in the first instance.

I hope to be able to inform you of our plans for September at some point in July once I have received further Government guidance.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

