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Dear Parent or Carer

Thank you for reinforcing all the points that I raised in my last letter home to you last week, it is very much appreciated.

Pupils are adjusting quickly to our one-way system and behaviour around school is typically excellent. I would like to say a sincere 'thank you' to all our parents and carers as they are a credit to you.

You will have seen in the local press that several Wigan schools have already had to send home year groups to self-isolate for 14 days. It is highly likely that this will happen multiple times throughout this academic year. Therefore, may I remind you that when this happens in our school we will still be teaching the normal timetabled lessons, but through **Microsoft Teams**. If your son or daughter does not have access to Teams please contact school as a matter of urgency.

Some pupils who use public transport (including the school service) are only wearing their facemasks when they are entering or leaving the bus bay and not wearing them for the whole of their journey. Please keep reinforcing with them that this is mandatory guidance.

I would also like to address this final point to a very small number of parents who are compromising the safety of our pupils by driving down Rookery Avenue to drop off/pick up their children. **PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE DOWN ROOKERY AVENUE**. The designated drop off/pick up point is St Oswald's Church car park, or alternatively The Gerard Centre car park. I do appreciate that pupils will have a short walk, but it takes less than 5 minutes to walk to St Oswald's and I would suggest that it is not worth compromising the safety of our pupils for the sake of such a short walk.

Rookery Avenue comes under the jurisdiction of the Local Authority and I am working with them to discuss methods of parking enforcement. I therefore request that you support the school in this matter for the overall benefit of our school community.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully



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