



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

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Dear Parents and Carers

On the last day before the end of term I wanted to update you with several important pieces of information.

Each year group have had a Lenten Service to remember that Easter is a time of personal penance, caring for others, and listening more attentively to the readings from Scripture that bring alive God's intention for the world. The pupils were fantastic and really appreciated the chance to reflect on these Easter messages.

Traffic congestion along Rookery Avenue continues to be a problem, I have lost count of the times I have mentioned this in my letters and have asked parents to refrain from driving down Rookery Avenue and/or using the school car park before and after school to drop off/pick up pupils. Unfortunately, these requests are continually being ignored and the situation is a cause of great concern. A minority of parents are parking on the kerbs along Rookery Avenue, narrowing the road and causing a dangerous situation. Consequently, I am now in consultation with Wigan Council to put access restrictions in place to protect the safety of our children.

Conversely, I would like to thank the majority of parents who are correctly using St Oswald's Church car park as our designated drop off/pick up point, your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Over the last couple of weeks we have returned to a semblance of normality in our daily routines, given that we are operating in a COVID-secure environment. We understand that it has been difficult to purchase certain items of uniform over the last few weeks, but when we return after Easter we will insist that pupils follow our uniform code as there will be access to shops from 12 April 2021. Please be pre-emptive and ensure that your child has the correct uniform to come to school when we return after Easter.

I would like to thank parents for recognising all the efforts staff have made this term to provide the best possible working environment for our pupils, your emails and messages of support have been received with great thanks, it has been fantastic to pass on your messages to the staff.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. In a time when there have been so many uncertainties and difficulties for everyone to cope with, your support of our efforts has been hugely appreciated.

On behalf of the staff, pupils and governors of the school I wish you all a wonderful Easter and a reminder that school will re-open for pupils on Monday 22 April 2021.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher