



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

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Dear Parent/Carer

This is always a very busy term in school, with assessment windows, Guidance Evenings etc. as well as celebrating last year's leavers in our annual Certificate Presentation Evening which took place last Thursday with our local MP, Yvonne Fovergue [Y11 Leavers' - Presentation Evening](#).

At this very busy time I have a couple of concerns that I would like to ask for your help with please:-

▪ **For those dropping children off at school in a car:**

I understand that in the increasingly inclement weather there is the temptation to drop off as close to school as possible especially when it is raining heavily. However, more and more cars are driving down Rookery Avenue to drop children off rather than using the designated drop off point at St Oswald's Church car park.

The congestion that this is causing is a major concern as we are receiving an increasing number of complaints from residents of Rookery Avenue and Ramsey Close; as well as our own staff and pupils who use this entrance to school. Therefore, I would politely ask once again that all parents and carers use our designated drop off point and **not Rookery Avenue**. Also, that you **never drive onto our school car park** to drop a pupil off (unless using the disabled parking facility for your child).

▪ **The unauthorised use of mobile phones during the school day:**

I have already written out twice previously so far this year about this issue (see letters dated 8 Sept and 4 October 23), outlining why we do not allow pupils to have their mobile phones turned on during the school day. It is extremely disappointing that we are still experiencing an increasing number of incidents.

I realise that parents are inconvenienced when they come into school to collect a confiscated mobile phone, but our policy will not change. To avoid this, I would urge all parents who allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school, to impress upon them the importance of turning it off when they walk into school and only turn it on again when they walk out of school at the end of the day.

Thank you in advance for your support with both these issues, which is greatly appreciated.

If there is anything we can help you with to support the education of your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher