



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following my letter in March, where I outlined our application to turn Rookery Avenue into a "School Street", I am delighted to now inform you that our application has been successful and the implementation of the scheme will begin on **Tuesday 14 May 2024**.

This means that **Rookery Avenue** will become a **Pedestrian and Cycle Zone** only between the hours of: **8.00am – 9.00am and 2.45pm - 3.45pm**.

We are the first High School in Wigan to join the scheme and we have had to resort to this due to the volume of traffic dropping off pupils in the morning in Rookery Avenue. As you know in my many previous letters, we are extremely concerned about cars reversing into Ramsey Close and driving back up Rookery Avenue into oncoming traffic, along with cars mounting pavements in an attempt to exit Rookery Avenue. Despite my constant plea in letters, it remains a significant area of concern.

Pupils have been informed and will be reminded this week in assemblies. **Please do not try to drive past the 'Road Closed' sign during these times, as you will be in breach of the 'School Street' restrictions.**

A safer and a healthier environment are our main priorities over convenience.

The closure will be manned by school staff between **8.15am and 8.45am** and **2.45pm and 3.15pm**.

We have improved access to the car park at St Oswald's Church, dropping all bollards and creating a designated way in and out with clear signage. We have listened to your reasons why its use has been limited and in conjunction with the church have provided a solution. Following our travel survey results at the start of the year it is obvious there are many various dropping off points used by parents, **but please refrain from using Vicarage Road** as an alternative to reduce further congestion in our neighbouring streets.

Further details of the scheme can be found by clicking on the video [here](#). A copy of the notice and park and stride route is also attached.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher