



# St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

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Dear Parent/Carer

On behalf of everyone in our school community, we hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holiday and we extend a warm welcome back at the start of 2025.

As we start this new year and a new term, there are just a couple of items that I would like to bring to your attention.

- **School Uniform**

I am delighted that the vast majority of pupils have attended the first day of the new year adhering to our uniform code. I would politely ask that you reinforce this at home to prevent the sanctions in school which come with non-adherence to the uniform code. All the information is detailed on page 21 of the Pupil Planner.

- **Mobile Phones**

I wrote to you on 17 September 2024 to outline in detail our expectations in regard to mobile phones, I would politely ask you to speak to your child(ren) and reinforce that if they choose to bring one into school they **MUST TURN THEIR MOBILE PHONE OFF WHEN THEY WALK INTO SCHOOL and ONLY TURN IT BACK ON WHEN THEY ARE OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES.** This is the only way you can be sure they will not have their mobile phone temporarily confiscated.

- **School Street**

Just a reminder that Rookery Avenue is a 'school street' between the hours of 8.00am - 9.00am and 2.45pm - 3.45pm (manned between 8.15am to 8.45am and 2.45pm to 3.15pm), which means that no cars are allowed between these times. Only parents who have made prior arrangements with the school due to special circumstances between these times will be allowed down Rookery Avenue.

The designated drop off/pick up point is at St Oswald's Church car park (on St Oswald's Road, WN4 9NP, which is less than a 4-minute walk into school. I would politely ask all parents and carers to please help us with traffic congestion around school **by only using this designated drop off/pick up point.**

Please avoid dropping off along Vicarage Road, especially between Warrington Road and Rookery Avenue, to reduce congestion along this road. Our neighbours in Townfield Avenue and St Oswald's Road have also appealed to us to remind parents to refrain from parking across driveways or wait with engines running. This can all be avoided if you arrange to collect your child from the designated church car park.

All pupils will have assemblies this week to remind them of the expectations with regards to the points above. I would be grateful if you could kindly reinforce these points at home as well this week to help us to have as smooth a start to the new term as possible.

Many thanks for your continued co-operation.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher