



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer holiday and that you are looking forward to the year ahead. Just before school starts tomorrow we wanted to ask for your help with a couple of issues.

- The first is to ask parents/family members who drive to school to drop children off to please use our designated drop off/pick up point of **St Oswald's Church Car Park on St Oswald's Road**. It is less than 5 minutes' walk into school and is by far the safest way to drop your child off. I ask you to please prioritise the safety of your child over the convenience of dropping them off on Vicarage Road, which is potentially very dangerous for both the driver and the child.
- The second is the unauthorised use of mobile phones during the school day. I am sure that you are aware of the recent publicity surrounding this issue. The DfE 'expects' schools to prohibit the use of mobile phones in schools. Therefore, this serves as a timely reminder to parents of our mobile phone rules. As you are aware, I would much prefer a situation whereby no pupil came into school with a mobile phone, but I completely understand that you want your child to have a mobile phone for safety reasons whilst they travel to and from school. If you want this for your child, I politely request that you have a conversation with them to explain how important it is for you that they only contact you on their way to and from school. *Please refer to Page 34 of your 'Family Handbook'*. I will write to you again about mobile phone use next week to explain this in more detail.
- The third issue is at the end of the school day please do not come to the school reception, as all staff are involved in ensuring that pupils leave the school site safely.
- The fourth issue is that the school has now introduced a new Rewards and Sanctions system, again I will write to you in more detail later in the week.
- Finally, please refer to *pages 12 & 13 of the 'Family Handbook'* where you will find detailed information regarding personal presentation and uniform expectations. It is obviously essential that all pupils start the new school year well.

Thank you for your continued support, which is always greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher