



## All Saints' Roman Catholic High School, A Voluntary Academy

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## Dear Parent/Guardian

As you will be aware planning permission will soon be submitted for an exciting new build for All Saints' RC High School, potentially, to commence in the Summer of this year. Part of the complex procedures for such a major undertaking is to run plans by local residents as to their thoughts, concerns and queries before, during and after the building process.

A meeting took place with local residents recently which highlighted a number of concerns they have with regard to the planned process but also focused on some causes of anger and irritation with current issues they are experiencing hence my letter to you today.

Our relationship with our immediate neighbours is important to us as a school as is our relationship with parents and family of our pupils. The issues raised which we would appreciate your support with are as follows.

Parent parking on the main road appears to be a major bone of contention. The challenges of parking on this busy road are clear but can we please ask parents to show the greatest consideration for the residents on the top road and to avoid parking across driveways and close to the exit from the lane on to the main road (there are road markings to indicate that parking there is prohibited). Also do not park on the lane down to the school as the narrowness of the road makes this a major passing issue as well as endangering pupils using the footpath. Some residents complain about some thoroughly unpleasant abuse they have received from parents. Can we please ask you not to do this.

Parents driving on to the school car park to drop off or collect pupils before and after school is also presenting significant challenges and potentially compromising safety. Parents are politely asked not to do this from now on please. Pupils should be dropped off at the top road and to make their way to school down either of the two safe pathways. There are a very small number of parents of pupils who have particular reasons that we are aware of which means they have permission to drive on to the staff car park. These parents will be asked to display a prominent sign on their front windscreen, which we will distribute to them, that indicates they have permission to come down to the car park. If you do not have this express permission please do not come down to the staff car park before or after school.

For any after-school events such as Parents' or Awards Evenings parents are permitted to drive down the lane and to park on the large hard-court area behind the school. A member of our staff will be there to guide you to where you can park. Please do not park on the lane down to school for the reasons outlined earlier.

We will be increasing staff presence on the car park before and after school and at the top of the lane after school to enforce these guidelines. Your full cooperation with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your support

Yours faithfully, Mr S Wilson Head of School