

7 December 2009

Dear Parent

Parking on The Bowers

Please could I ask parents to avoid parking or dropping off children on The Bowers. Residents have raised serious concerns about their ability to access their homes and also about health and safety concerns for our pupils when so many cars are manoeuvring. If at all possible, it would be helpful to use the main access off the Myles Standish Way or dropping off at Pilling Lane for a very short walk into school. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sports Facility – Community Use

I have attached a flyer about our sports facilities for your information and would encourage your use of the school for external groups.

Emergency School Closures

It may be an apt time to alert you to arrangements regarding sudden closure of school. Although this is a rare occurrence, it may happen due to severe weather, heating or water problems.

If the school is not opening, both Radio Lancashire and Rock FM will be informed early in the morning (we use a coded password to verify that it is indeed a valid closure!). Should the weather be appalling, this is the best way to find out our situation at Holy Cross.

Should we have to close during a day, all pupils must try to make contact by phone with a responsible adult. Year 7 pupils are held in the Hall awaiting either collection by an older brother or sister, or verification that they have permission to make their way home or to another safe venue. You will understand that we would always try our best to ensure safe passage home, although it is impossible to contact all 825 parents individually.

We are currently researching the use of email and website alerts and will keep you informed of our progress in this area.

End of Term

Finally, advance notice that we close at 12.30 p.m. on Friday 18th December. All school buses will be available at that time. Pupils are allowed to wear their own suitable clothes for that morning if they donate £1.00 towards the Archdiocesan Levy Fund. School reopens on Monday 4th January 2010.

May I take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely



Mrs W White
Headteacher