

16<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Autumn 1 Week 3 – additional letter regarding transport issues in our local area**

## Transport Disruption

I am writing to inform you of some recent developments affecting the road network around Lowton Church of England High School, which may impact your child's journeys to and from school.

On **Monday 15th September**, work began unexpectedly to upgrade the pedestrian crossing outside the school. This has involved the installation of **temporary traffic lights** directly outside of school - at the junction of **Newton Road and St Helens Road** – and the path has been diverted for a short section into the road.

The bus stop **outside the Shepherd's Inn has also been closed**. While these works are ongoing, students traveling from Leigh, who usually use this bus stop will need to disembark at the stop closer to **Moss Industrial Estate** and walk the remainder of the way to school.

Students travelling from Lowton at the end of the day are advised to walk to the bus stop by St Mary's Church.

Please note that the **bus stop for services heading towards Leigh is currently unaffected**.

If your child is likely to be impacted by the roadworks, please encourage them to allow additional time for their journey.

To support students during this disruption, we will allow a **5-minute leeway** before issuing a late mark each morning for those whose journey is impacted by the roadworks until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Additionally, we are aware of a **planned bus strike on Friday 19th September**. We have been informed that this strike **does not affect our local area**, and **buses will continue to run as normal in the Wigan area**.

Finally, a reminder that our **Open Evening** will take place on **Monday 29th September**. To allow staff time to prepare the school site, **school will close to students at 12.20pm** on that day.

We know that much of this information will be as frustrating for you, as it is for us, and we appreciate your understanding and support as we manage these temporary disruptions. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

*Jane Galbraith*  
**Headteacher**

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