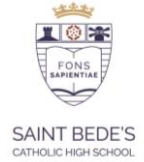


20th February 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

As you are already aware, the National Education Union (NEU) are taking strike action on several dates over the next two months. These strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government regarding teachers' pay, and not because of any issues related specifically to our school.

The remaining dates affecting the north-west region are as follows:

- Tuesday 28th February 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

Due to the strike action, Saint Bede's will be closed to Year 10 pupils on Tuesday 28th February.

Parents and carers of Year 10 pupils will therefore need to make alternative childcare arrangements for this day. Year 10 pupils will be directed to work at home in preparation for their Year 10 Mock Exams taking place in March, revision materials for which are being provided both on Firefly and on paper.

A very small number of our most vulnerable Year 10 pupils will be invited into school. This will include pupils with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) or those children in the care of the local authority. These pupils will be supported in school to carry out the revision work that other pupils will be doing at home. Parents/carers of pupils for whom this applies will be contacted separately.

Pupils in Year 10 eligible for free school meals will be able to order a lunch pack for Tuesday 28th February, which will be collected in school the previous day. Parents/carers of pupils to whom this applies will be contacted separately with further details.

Pupils in Year 7, 8, 9 and 11 must attend school as normal on Tuesday 28th February. Whilst they will follow their usual timetable as far as possible, there is likely to be disruption to the school day for some pupils as a result of the strike action. Pupils should therefore bring to school any current homework, coursework or revision work, as well as a reading book, in case there is a limited period during the school day when it will be necessary for them to work independently under staff supervision.

I will write to you again regarding the arrangements for the strike days on 15th March and 16th March with as much notice as possible. Thank you for your continuing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher