



St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has voted for strike action for teaching staff on 1 February 2023.

At St Robert's we have a very high number of teaching staff who are members of the NEU. Indications at this stage are that a significant number of these colleagues will be taking part in the action on Wednesday 1 February. Each school will have a varying number of NEU members and consequently will find themselves making a decision based on a different outlook.

As always, our primary concern is being able to open safely for students. Therefore, I must inform you that unfortunately **the school will only be open to students in Year 11 on Wednesday 1 February**. We will have to remain closed to students in Years 7 to 10 and Sixth Form. We will open to a very small number of students in these year groups, who will be contacted individually for specific reasons. We will be in contact with these families directly over the next couple of days. **All other students in Years 7 to 10 and Sixth Form should not attend school on that day.**

For students who are entitled to free school meals, information will follow in a separate communication. A further communication will also follow next week with details of work for those students who are not attending school on Wednesday.

I should like to emphasise that these arrangements are only for the first proposed strike day, Wednesday, 1 February. If the future strike days go ahead then we will plan for each day in the context we are faced with at the time, and so arrangements may be different.

I apologise for the inconvenience that the school closure will cause and thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Juric
Head Teacher

