



# 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 by teaching staff on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

At St Robert's we have a very high number of teaching staff who are members of the NEU. Indications are that a significant number of these colleagues will be taking part in the industrial action on these two days. 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 both Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**. 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. **All other students in Years 7 to 10 and Sixth Form should not attend school on these days.**

Please note: **Students in Years 12 and 13** should log into Teams at the start of each timetabled lesson. Those staff who are in work and who have Sixth Form lessons timetabled on these two days will live stream lessons to students at home. If no teacher has logged on within the first five minutes of the lesson, students should then assume that their teacher is not available. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to inform students accurately in advance which lessons will and will not be streamed.

For students who are entitled to free school meals, information will follow in a separate communication. A further communication will also follow, with more specific details of work arrangements for those students who are not attending school on the two days.

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

Yours faithfully

Mr D Juric  
Head Teacher

