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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has voted for further strike action by teaching staff on Thursday 27th April. As I have previously explained, at St Robert's we have a very high number of teaching staff who are members of the NEU. This strike day is slightly different to the previous ones, in that the NEU has issued dispensation guidance for teachers of Year 11 and 13.

Our primary concern is always 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 and 13 on Thursday 27th April**. We will have to remain closed to students in Years 7 to 10 and Year 12. We will open to a very small number of students in these other 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 Year 12 should not attend school on that day.**

A further communication will follow, with details of work arrangements for those students who are not attending school on the day. However, please note: **Students in Years 12** should log into Teams at the start of each timetabled lesson. Those staff who are in work and who have Year 12 lessons timetabled 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.

Please note that all public examinations (Art, Languages, Textiles) will go ahead as timetabled that day. Students must attend as arranged.

Please also note that the Duke of Edinburgh Field Trip will go ahead as planned.

For students who are entitled to free school meals, information will follow in a separate communication. We shall write again regarding arrangements for the second day of industrial action scheduled for Tuesday 2nd May.

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

Yours faithfully

Mr D Juric
Head Teacher

