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Dear Parents and Carers

This is to update you on the two forthcoming days of industrial action on the part of the National Education Union (NEU), Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 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. Different schools will have a varying number of NEU members and consequently will find themselves making a decision based on their individual circumstances.

As always, our primary concern is being able to open safely for students. Based on the numbers of staff expected to take industrial action on each day and looking at how that will affect different year groups, the school will only be able to remain partially open on these two dates.

I must inform you that unfortunately on **Wednesday 5th July the school will only be open to students in Year 7** and on **Friday 7th July the school will only be open to students in Year 10**. We will have to remain closed to all other students, with the exception of a very small number of students, who will be contacted individually for specific reasons. We will be in contact with these families directly. **All other students, including Sixth Form should not attend school on that day.**

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 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 be able 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.

The following extracurricular and curricular activities will go ahead as planned and students should attend them as expected, even if their year group is not scheduled to be in school that day:

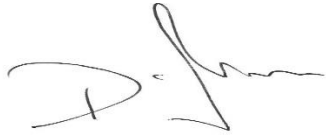
- Yr10 Diocesan Youth Festival, Wednesday to Friday.
- Yr12 Trip to SIX (Newcastle), evening of Wednesday 5th July.
- Yr10 Maths visit to Northern Stage, Friday 7th July.



- Yr10 Geography fieldwork, Wednesday, and Friday.
- School musical performance, evening of Friday 7th July.

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

