

27th February 2023



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, the next regional strike will take place on Wednesday 1st March 2023.

The planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the union and the government (and not specifically St Michael's Church of England High School or the local authority), and it is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of our students, whilst respecting the rights of our staff.

We have completed all the necessary risk assessments and can confirm that unfortunately, this means we will only be able to remain safely open for students in **Years 11 and 9 only**. Year 11 intervention on that day will run as normal.

Vulnerable students in Years 10, 8 and 7 will be contacted directly. I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused and can assure you that every attempt was made to keep the school fully open.

There will be some work set on Google Classroom, and your child should check their lesson pages. Whilst it would be preferable if this work was completed, we recognise that some students do not have access to Google Classroom at home and, therefore, there will be no sanctions for students who cannot complete the work.

I would also like to remind you that the NEU has indicated that they will continue national strike action for a further two days, on 15th and 16th of March 2023. Please make a note of these dates now, and I will write to you in advance of each date to confirm any changes to arrangements.

Your sincerely,

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