

25th April 2023



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) announced trade disputes with the Secretary of State for Education have failed. Therefore, they have announced a further two days of industrial action. The next national strike will take place on **Thursday 27th April** and **Tuesday 2nd May 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 the following year groups or students:

Thursday 27th April 2023:

1. All Year 11 students
2. **Some** Year 10 BTEC PSA students will be required to attend school to complete their coursework, and these individuals will **be contacted directly** by their class teacher. If selected, your child will be required to attend school in **their full school uniform** for their double option lesson only:
 - Business Enterprise with Mr Rabbett, periods 3 and 4
 - Health and Social Care with Mrs Peart, periods 3 and 4

If contacted, the Year 10 students will be responsible for making their own way to and from school. They should arrive on school site at 10:45 am for their lesson to begin promptly after break time. As soon as the lesson is finished at 12:30 pm, the students will be accompanied to reception, signed out of the building, and they would be free to return home.

Tuesday 2nd May 2023:

1. All Year 11 students
2. **Some** Year 10 BTEC PSA students will be required to attend school to complete their coursework, and these individuals will **be contacted directly** by their class teacher. If selected, your child will be required to attend school in **their full school uniform** for:
 - BTEC Sport with the PE department (students will be advised of their arrival time by the class teacher)

If contacted, the Year 10 students will be responsible for making their own way to and from school. They should arrive on school site, at a time requested by their class teacher. As soon as their session is finished, your child would be able to return home.

Year 11 intervention will run as normal on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023. Vulnerable students in Years 10, 9, 8 and 7 will be contacted directly.

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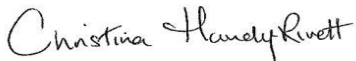
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I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused and can assure you that every attempt was made to keep the school fully open.

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 were 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 like to thank all parents and carers for your understanding during the period of industrial action.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Christina Handy-Rivett
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