

30th June 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 industrial action. The next national strike will take place on **Wednesday 5th July** and **Friday 7th July 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:

Wednesday 5th July 2023:

1. All Year 6 transition primary students and **Team Transition students**.
2. **All Year 8 students**.

Friday 7th July 2023:

1. Students who are involved in the Student Voice Evening Showcase event.
2. The school will be **closed to all other pupils**.

I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused and can assure you that every attempt was made to keep the school fully open. **Any students involved in Team Transition or the Student Voice Showcase event, will be contacted directly regarding attendance.** As planned, the Student Voice Showcase event will take place on the evening of 7th July.

Vulnerable students in Years 10, 9, 8 and 7 will be contacted directly regarding attendance on 5th and 7th July.

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

Yours faithfully,

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