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Dear Parents/Carers

NEU Industrial Action: Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023

As you may have heard in the news, the NEU have since announced further strike dates on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023.

Firstly, as has been stressed previously, it is important to note that the NEU's dispute is a national issue and not in any way directed at St Nicholas Catholic High School. The school's absolute priority in such circumstances is the health and safety of all members of our school community, with the adequate supervision of students a fundamental consideration.

We can assure parents and carers that, based upon a range of complex factors, we have continued to model a range of different scenarios to explore all possibilities of different school opening types for Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023. As you will appreciate, the school timetable differs on each day of the week and, as such, each day presents differing demands in terms of staffing coverage.

Therefore, we can confirm that school will be **partially open on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023**. Our provision on both days will be structured on the following basis:

Wednesday 5th July	Provision
Year 12 & Year 9	On-site attendance
Years 7, 8 & 10	Remote learning
Friday 7th July	Provision
Year 12 & Year 7	On-site attendance
Years 8, 9 & 10	Remote learning
Please note the Year 10 Residential will be going ahead as planned on 6 th & 7 th July.	

Information for Students Attending On-Site Provision on Wednesday 5th July

School transport will operate as usual to enable Years 12 & 9 students to travel into school in the normal manner. Catering arrangements will also operate as usual.

Information for Students Accessing Remote Learning on Wednesday 5th July

We remain committed to offering educational provision for students in Years 7, 8 and 10 on the days of strike action and will be providing remote education for these Year Groups, which will be accessed via Microsoft Teams.

Information for Students Attending On-Site Provision on Friday 7th July

School transport will operate as usual to enable Years 12 & 7 students to travel into school in the normal manner. Catering arrangements will also operate as usual. The Year 10 Residential will be going ahead as planned on 6th & 7th July.

Information for Students Accessing Remote Learning on Friday 7th July

We remain committed to offering educational provision for students in Years 8, 9, and 10 on the days of strike action and will be providing remote education for these Year Groups, which will be accessed via Microsoft Teams.

Students will be expected to follow their regular timetable of subjects online for the day and, wherever possible, they will have live lessons with their teacher. In the instance of a teacher being unavailable, students will be guided towards online work for that lesson.

Students received a virtual assembly prior to the previous strike days outlining how to access the remote learning package and expectations regarding engagement and conduct during the online lessons.

We are blessed with the positive behaviour of our students and we were proud of the manner in which they conducted themselves during remote learning. **Please do continue to support us by reinforcing the message of appropriate online conduct to your children at home during the day.**

Free School Meals

Families whose children will be participating in remote learning and are in receipt of free school meals provision will receive electronic food vouchers to the value of the daily allowance. These will be distributed shortly.

Future Strike Dates

If there are any changes announced by the NEU regarding their industrial action on these two dates, we will respond and update you accordingly.

As ever, we thank you for your support and understanding.



Craig Burns
Headteacher



Chris Mottram
Chair of Governors

