



St Antony's
Roman Catholic School

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25th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware from recent media coverage that the NEU have declared strike action on several upcoming dates, the first of which will take place on Wednesday 1st February.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

After working closely with our staff union representatives and carrying out a risk assessment I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning will, unfortunately, be disrupted for a large majority of pupils on this day.

In practice, what this means is that:

- For most pupils in Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 we are having to ask that pupils stay at home and they are encouraged to use the various online packages to consolidate their prior learning (e.g. such as using Bedrock, DrFrostMaths, SENECA, BBC bitesize etc). Pupils will be given more details about this ahead of the strike day. The curriculum tab on our website has information about the topics that pupils have been learning in this half term in their various subjects and they can use this to help guide their studies if they wish.
- For all pupils in Y11, school will be open and we will be able to supervise and support their revision in preparation for their upcoming mock examinations.
- For pupils in all years who are supported by a social worker, those with an EHCP and other pupils who we know are vulnerable, we will also be able to provide supervision in school for those pupils should parents wish to send them in. Pupils will spend the day consolidating learning and accessing various online learning packages. We will contact you in the coming days to confirm that your child fits into this category and is able to come in to school on the strike day. **If you do not hear from us by lunchtime on Friday 27th January and your child is in Y7, Y8, Y9 or Y10, then your child is to remain at home on the strike day.**

If your child is not due in school on the strike day, but does receive free school meals normally, we will provide a £5 supermarket voucher via text (similar to what we did during the period of school closure during the pandemic). For pupils that come into school on the strike day, food will be served in the usual way in our canteen.

I'm sorry about the disruption to you, to your family and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with kindness and respect.

If circumstances change and our plans need to be amended, I will inform you of the details as soon as possible.

Thanks again for your support and your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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