



Dear Parents and Carers

30 June 2023

Strike Action – Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July 2023

As the NEU and the government have not yet reached an agreement in their pay dispute, the NEU are calling upon their members to strike. The next proposed industrial action will take place on Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July 2023.

We now have a good idea of how many staff will be in on each day and have assessed the safety of students and staff inside school based on the staff we have available. Our priority is to ensure that students and staff remain safe within all aspects of their school day with regards supervision, whilst trying to ensure some continuity in education.

As a result, St Dunstan's will be closed to year 7, 8 and 9 students on Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July 2023. Students will be asked to stay at home.

We will aim to provide English, maths and science work for Years 7, 8 and 9.

We are very sorry for the inevitable inconvenience and disruption that this industrial action may cause. We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and would like to extend our apologies for the fact that alternative arrangements for care of your child may need to be made for these days, as well as for the disruption to your child's education whilst this action is ongoing. We recognise that families will have differing views on strike action, the NEU's dispute and the Government's stance.

Ultimately, the duty of the Headteacher is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students when on site, hence my decision. We understand that the situation will be frustrating for many of you and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. We will, of course, continue to monitor the arrangements in place and make modifications where possible to improve support for students wherever we can.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Lynda Bevan
Headteacher