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IMPORTANT TEACHER STRIKE INFORMATION – Wednesday 5 & Friday 7 July

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Dear Parents & Carers,

National Education Union Strike Action

You will be aware that, at the time of writing, the National Education Union (NEU) remains in a formal trade dispute with the Secretary of State for Education and they are seeking sufficient funds to allow employers to pay a fully-funded, above inflation pay rise.

St Mary's has a number of teaching staff members who are in the NEU. Although staff do not need to inform us of their intention to strike, many have indicated that they do plan to strike on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July. Other staff have also indicated their reluctance to cover for striking colleagues. In addition, some staff not involved in industrial action may not be available for work due to the strikes impacting on their own families. Therefore, on the grounds of health and safety and safeguarding, the school has made the following arrangements:

- **School will be closed to all Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 pupils on Wednesday 5 July. The school will, however, be holding the Year 6 Taster Day.**
- **School will be open to Year 10 pupils on Friday 7 July, but closed to all other year groups.**
- **Please note that the arrangements for the Year 10 Retreat to Ampleforth are not affected by the strike action, and the plans for the retreat have not changed.**

Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals will be able to attend school between 12.45 – 1.15pm to receive their meal entitlement. Those wishing to take-up this offer must come to school via the main reception and will be directed from there.

On Friday 7 July, Year 10 pupils be expected in school, in uniform, and will follow their usual timetable for the day. Catering and bus services will be available as per usual.

Pupils who are affected by the strike action can take advantage of the government's learning platform – Oak National Academy (<https://www.thenational.academy/>) to supplement their learning.

Where our pastoral team have identified a pupil with specific requirements, they will contact families directly to ascertain if they require a place in school on the strike day. These pupils will be supervised, but not in lessons, on the day.

Many thanks for your understanding on this issue. We hope that the matter is resolved to everyone's satisfaction sooner rather than later. If you have any queries in relation to the content of this letter or if there are any other associated issues on which you require clarification, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Thompson'.

Mr P Thompson

Headteacher