

13 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Proposed Industrial Action
on 15 and 16 March 2023**

As you are aware, the NEU have balloted their members with regards to taking industrial action on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023. The action is not against the Academy itself or Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust but is part of national industrial action organised by the NEU against the government.

There is no requirement for unions to inform school of which members of staff will strike on either Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March, as there is no obligation on members of unions to obey a strike call.

Therefore, I regret to inform you that St Michael's will be partially closed on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March. **School will be open to all students in Year 11 as usual.** Full school uniform should be worn and non-attendance will be recorded as unauthorized absence. If your child travels on the school bus this service will still run as normal. If your child has school lunches a hot and cold service will be available at lunchtime.

Those students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 should remain at home and will study through our TEAMS platform. If your child's teacher is not in the NEU and is therefore in school and working, they will inform your child via a TEAMS message asking them to be on-line at the appropriate lesson time.

School will re-open to all year groups as normal on Friday 17 March.

If there is any change in the government's or union's stance then notification will be posted on the school website and media platforms.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,



**Clare Humble
Headteacher**