

27 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Proposed Industrial Action – Wednesday 1 February 2023**

I hope this finds you well.

As you know I wrote to you on 23 January regarding the teaching unions ballot to strike. Once again, I would like to reassure you that this industrial action is not against St. Michael's or Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust; but against the Secretary of State for Education regarding teacher pay.

On Wednesday 1 February teachers' in the NEU will strike.

Accordingly, on Wednesday 1 February school will be **open to all Year 11 students** 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. On Monday 30 January, all Year 7 students will be shown exactly how to use the TEAMS platform to be able to engage with lessons. Please be assured students will already be using the platform in some subjects already.

### **School will re-open to all year groups as normal on Thursday 2 February.**

It is my intention to provide a meal provision for those students in receipt of free school meals on Wednesday 1 February, if they would like one. With this in mind school will provide a hot and cold lunch service for students from all year groups who receive free school meals; this will be available in school between 12.30pm and 1.15pm. Students will be able to eat their lunch and will then go home afterwards. Please make appropriate arrangements for your child's travel to and from school on this day if they choose to come in for lunch.

Thank you for your patience and for your continued partnership.

Yours sincerely,



**Clare Humble**  
Headteacher