



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following my last letter on 13 January 2023 regarding possible strike action, I now have further information that I would like to make you aware of.

The NEU teaching union have given the school notice of four day's strike action, which they propose to take place on the below dates as part of discontinuous strike action:-

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Tuesday 28 February 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

I have been tasked by the Department for Education to do everything that I can to ensure the continuity of educational provision in our school by keeping the school open on these days; providing adequate health and safety for all staff and pupils is the key judgement I have been asked to make.

I can confirm that our risk assessment concludes the school will be fully open for all year groups on **Wednesday 1 February 2023**. There will be some disruption to the school day and some classes will not have their usual classroom teacher or be taught in their usual classroom. Pupils may not be taught lessons according to the scheme of work, but work will be provided to every class.

Rather than commit to keeping the school open so far in advance of the other strike days, I will write to you again in advance of each of the days to inform you of the decision. The decision to fully open on the other days could change depending upon factors such as more teachers taking strike action, teacher absence rates etc.

I would just like to thank you for your continued support, it is always greatly appreciated.

Please remember that if you or your child are struggling with any aspect of school life, do not hesitate to get in touch with us and we will do our very best to help.

Yours faithfully

M J DUMICAN
Headteacher