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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: National Strike Action Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023

We have been informed that there are two more planned strike days by the *National Education Union [NEU]*. These are scheduled for *Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July*. As before, it is likely there will be a significant number of staff out on these days and therefore St Damian's will not be fully open as per normal.

However, there will be two exceptions to this;

Firstly, the school will be open to all students who are *vulnerable*. These pupils will be invited via a text message.

Secondly, the school will be open as normal for all *Yr10 students*, and I expect all Yr10 students to attend in full uniform.

For those students not in school, work will be uploaded by those teachers who are not striking. School buses will run as normal and food will be available as usual, in the dining room. As I write this letter, there may be changes to the National strike days and on this basis, I reserve the right to change these plans if there are national changes.

As before, parents of children who are eligible for Free School Meals, who are not in school, will receive a £3 youcher via mobile phone and teachers who are not striking will put work on Teams for their classes that day. I apologise for any inconvenience caused but my main priority is the health and safety of all students and staff.

Yours sincerely

Mr Logue Headteacher





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