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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: National Strike Action Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Following on from my letter earlier in the week, there are two more planned strike days by the *National Education Union [NEU]*. These are scheduled for **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**. 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 **three exceptions to this**;

Firstly, the school will be open to all students who are *vulnerable*.

Secondly, the school will be open as normal for *Yr11 students*, and I expect all students to attend in full uniform.

Thirdly, the school will be open for *Yr10 students* who will be sitting their Yr10 exams. These exams are supervised, as usual, by external invigilators and will therefore will not need to be covered by teachers. Therefore, to prevent any further disruption to Yr10 students, the exams will go ahead as planned on the 2 strike days. Again, I expect that all Yr10 students will be in school as normal, 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 day 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 voucher 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