



June 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: NEU Strike Action

We are writing to give advance notice of the arrangements for the 5th and 7th July 2023 in the relation to the plan strike action day. Please note that this is subject to change at any point as directed by the union.

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not specifically with Cardinal Newman Catholic School or Holy Cross Catholic MAC it is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of our pupils whilst respecting the rights of our staff. In anticipation of this action we have prepared a response plan to minimise disruption and ensure vulnerable pupils and the children of emergency workers, care workers and teachers are still able to attend school in person.

Wednesday 5th July

We are inviting year 10 into school to access lessons on this day as normal, with years 7, 8, 9 and 12 being asked to study remotely during these days, study materials will be provided via students Classcharts or email accounts.

Friday 7th July

We are inviting year 9 into school to access lessons on this day as normal, with years 7, 8, 10 and 12 being asked to study remotely during these days, study materials will be provided via students Classcharts or email accounts.

Children where both parents work in essential services, care workers and teachers may attend school and those children who are considered vulnerable, where they will complete supervised study. Break and lunch times will operate with appropriate supervision in place in the normal way. If you require a place, please complete the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/8hNyeVSmKJ>

Any Free School Meal pupils who will not be on site on the day of the strike will be issued with a £3.00 voucher per day via the method used previously.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. We will of course continue to monitor the arrangements in place and make modifications where possible to improve support for pupils wherever possible. If the strike action is called off then we will confirm this as soon as we can and in this eventuality the school will be open as usual to all pupils.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please contact the school at admin@cncs.school in the first instance. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Ms E O'Connor
Headteacher

Mrs Theresa Boland
Chair of Governors

