



Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School & Sixth Form Centre

'True Teaching'

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Industrial Action in Schools

Dear parent/carer

As you will be aware, the NEU teaching union is planning to take industrial action against national policy on four days: Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the NEU and the government and not because of any issues at our school.

The first strike day is 1st February.

While our focus is always to ensure the school is as open and available to students as possible, the majority of our teachers are in the NEU and this will affect us. Staff taking strike action do not have to inform me of their individual intention to take action, and, therefore we need to ensure we can manage the school safely.

In terms of year groups, the school will, therefore, only be able to accommodate Sixth Form students, with all other students (Years 7-11) receiving remote learning where their teachers are not on strike. We will provide further information as to the lessons taking place as soon as we are able.

A limited hot and cold food service will be available to students in the canteen for the students from years 12-13 who are in school. Parents entitled to receive Free School Meals will receive an online form to be completed by Friday 27th January in order for vouchers to be ordered and distributed prior to Wednesday 1st February.

Sixth Form teachers will advise their students of lessons. Some students will be expected to study in the sixth form area if some of their lessons are affected by the strike action.

I'm sorry that you may have to make alternative arrangements at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education.

Given the uncertainties involved in such action, If there is a need to inform you of any changes we will do so before commencement of classes on the day of the action. In terms of any future strike dates, we will advise you of arrangements nearer the time, and as soon as we are aware.

Yours faithfully

Dr Simon Uttley
Headmaster

