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Dear Parents,

Re: Strike Action on 1st February 2023

Further to my previous correspondence, I am writing to update you on the impact that NEU strike action will have on St Cuthbert Mayne School on Wednesday 1st February.

Due to the significant number of teaching staff who are members of the NEU Teaching Union, the decision has been made to limit attendance on Wednesday 1st February to students in Year 11, 12 and 13 only. This means that students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be working from home on Wednesday. In addition, we will be making provision in school for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who have an EHCP or a social worker, and those students from families where both parents are classed as critical workers. We already know the names of students who have an EHCP and/or a social worker, but last week I asked parents to let us know if they are both critical workers and that their child requires a place in school. Please can these parents ensure that they have completed the Google Form by 3:30pm today - [Critical Workers Form](#).

Please be assured that this decision has not been taken lightly, and has been taken on the grounds of ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff. Our number one priority is always to ensure a safe and secure environment for students, and we would not be able to do this for all students with the limited staff we have available on Wednesday.

Students who are working from home on Wednesday will be expected to complete their Need to Know Booklets for the subjects they would normally have on that day. These can be accessed via the school website if they can't find their hard copy. They should also ensure they are up to date with their work in Google Classroom. Independent Learning Packs will also be uploaded to the Year Group Google Classroom. Students should complete the sections for the subjects they would normally have on that day. If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will be able to collect a packed lunch on Tuesday 31st January from 3.10 pm - 3:30 pm in the canteen.

Year 11 students who are in school on Wednesday should make their way to the yard as normal for 8:40am. Year 12 & Year 13 students should make their way to the Sixth Form Common Room for 8:40am. Students accessing the vulnerable children and children of critical workers provision should go to the Main Hall at 8:40am. Students in school will be expected to wear full school uniform and come to school with their Super 7 equipment, books for lessons that day and their Need to Know Booklet and exercise book. Sixth Form students should bring their fully charged ChromeBook.

I am sorry that some parents will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their learning. I understand that the situation may be frustrating, but it is important that we respect the right of staff who are members of a union to take strike action. I know for them this is a difficult and deeply personal choice.

As you will be aware, further strike days have been planned for 2nd, 15th and 16th March. I will be in contact nearer to those dates to confirm the arrangements at St Cuthbert Mayne School. If you have any questions, please contact admin@stcm.torbay.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Down
Headteacher