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Dear Parents,

Re: Strike Action on 15th and 16th March 2023

Further to my previous correspondence, I am writing to update you on the impact that the NEU strike action will have on St Cuthbert Mayne School on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.

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 15th and Thursday 16th March to students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 only. This means that school will be closed to students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

In addition to welcoming students in Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 in school, we have also made provision in school for children with an EHCP, those with a social worker and those children from families where both parents are critical workers, if a place was requested through our online survey.

Please be assured that the decision to limit attendance 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 and Thursday.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who wish to complete some school work at home on Wednesday and Thursday next week can complete their 'Need to Know' booklets, or catch up on any missed work from earlier in the term. There is no expectation for students to do this and those that don't will not be penalised. If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will be able to collect a packed lunch on Tuesday 14th March from 3.10 pm - 3:30 pm in the canteen.

Year 10 and 11 students who are in school on Wednesday and Thursday 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 in Years 7, 8 and 9 who are accessing our vulnerable children and children of critical workers provision should go to the Library 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. Year 10,

11, 12 and 13 students should also bring their fully charged ChromeBook.

I am sorry that some parents will have to make alternative arrangements for their 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.

If you have any questions, please contact admin@stcm.torbay.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



Mr Down
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