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Parent letter - strike action. Partial closure on Wednesday the 5th of July and Friday the 7th of July.

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared further strike action. The strikes will take place next week on Wednesday the 5th of July and Friday the 7th of July. The strikes are taking place as a result of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and funding, and not because of any issues in our school or Trust.

Wednesday the 5th of July

Unfortunately, we will have to close St Joseph's Catholic Academy to certain year groups on Wednesday the 5th of July, as we have insufficient staffing levels to ensure student safety due to the strike action. This is not a decision we take lightly, but the safety of our students is paramount.

Date:	Working at home:	In school:
05/07	7, 8, 9, 10	12

Year 12 students must attend school on this day, and they will follow their normal timetable. Where any of the year 12 teachers are absent (due to the strike action) students will have periods of self-directed study in the 6th form areas.

For year groups who are at home, work to complete is available via the following website QR code (and hyperlink). This document has links to a number of resources that can be used for revision and study:



[Link here](#)

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Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust



Those students in receipt of free school meals will have access to a meal on the day. We will be in touch soon with all parents of children eligible for free school meals with further details about this provision.

Friday the 7th of July

On Friday the 7th of July we have a calendared staff training day - students would not have been in school on this day even before the strike action was announced. The INSET day on Friday the 7th of July will be affected by the strike, but it will still take place for those staff not taking industrial action; therefore, no students will be in school on that day as outlined on the school calendar.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and I apologise for any potential disruption caused. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr P Mitchell,
Headteacher,
St Joseph's Catholic Academy.