

St Anne's Catholic School and Sixth Form College



Dear Parents,

Changes to the School Week 4th – 8th July 2016

Training Day Monday 4th July 2016

As you know from our school calendar, school is closed to students on Monday 4th July for a staff training day.

National Industrial Action Tuesday 5th July 2016

We have been informed by the National Union of Teachers that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a strike on Tuesday 5th July. This action is not against the school itself but is part of national industrial action organised by this trades union about school funding, pay and conditions in schools and academies.

There is no requirement on unions to inform us of which members of staff will take action, and it may be that they will not know themselves as there is no obligation on members of unions to obey a strike call. In determining whether the school could open, fully or partially, I have looked carefully to assess whether there will be sufficient staff to maintain teaching and learning and ensure adequate supervision at break and lunchtime without compromising the safety of our students. Whilst there will still be staff in school as usual, there are likely to be insufficient numbers to ensure adequate supervision. Therefore, I have decided in consultation with the Chair of the Governors, that St Anne's will be closed to all students on the day of the strike action. St Anne's will open as usual on Wednesday 6th July.

Celebration of our Outstanding Ofsted Friday 8th July 2016

Despite the additional disruption to our school week, we will still honour our promise to celebrate our Outstanding Ofsted with a non-uniform day and early finish at 12.35pm on Friday 8th July. We hope that students will enjoy the opportunity to spend time with their friends and families in celebration of the part they played in making St Anne's outstanding.

I do not underestimate the difficulties the unexpected change to our school week may cause parents, and thank you in advance for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely

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