



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, can I wish you a happy Easter. As we move through the Easter season, the arrival of Spring and the prospect of summer, will I hope lift all of our spirits.

Secondly, as you are aware, we continue to experience significant unrest across the public sector. Teaching unions have formally rejected the Government pay offer, and I can confirm that Headteacher unions have now agreed to undertake a formal ballot for future possible industrial action. Such moves are unprecedented. At St Edward's we will continue to do our very best to minimise the impact on our students and families, whilst also respecting and supporting the decisions of our hard working, conscientious colleagues.

The two forthcoming strike days announced by the NEU are on the 27th April and the 2nd May. To help our families to make arrangements as far in advance as possible, we will be making the same provision on **both** of these dates. The school campus will be open to **Year 11 and Year 13 students only**. Online learning will be made available for all other year groups, and Directors of learning together with our brilliant admin team will be making the usual arrangements for both children officially classed as 'vulnerable' and for children of 'critical workers'.

I am aware that for some this situation will create inconvenience, and I can only apologise for the challenging climate that we find ourselves in. Any potential negative impact on the progress of students who are working remotely can be significantly reduced if our families ensure that their child is fully engaged with the learning provided for them.

I would like to thank you in advance, again, for your help, understanding, and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Antram
Headteacher