



# St. Cuthbert's

Roman Catholic High School

Friday 22 May 2026

Dear parent/carer,

I write to you today to share a further update regarding the industrial action. Yesterday we were notified by the NASUWT of their intention to continue the strike action after the half term period. The dates that have been shared with us are as follows:

- Tuesday 2 June 2026
- Wednesday 3 June 2026
- Thursday 4 June 2026
  
- Tuesday 9 June 2026
- Wednesday 10 June 2026
- Thursday 11 June 2026
  
- Tuesday 16 June 2026
- Wednesday 17 June 2026
- Thursday 18 June 2026
  
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- Thursday 25 June 2026

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I fully understand the emotions you will be feeling as you read this letter and I am so deeply sorry that this is causing you, our parent body, so much upset. I am continuing to work as hard as possible to resolve this situation so that all pupils receive the full five days a week face to face teaching. I truly believe that your children are amazing individuals and I want nothing more than to have them in the building every day. They deserve the very best and every decision that is being made has your child's best interest at the centre.

At the time of writing this we have asked both unions for dispensation for teachers to come into school to teach year 10 now that our year 11's have started study leave however we have not yet received a response. Therefore, we have to work currently on this not being given.

After undertaking a thorough risk assessment (taking into consideration the potential numbers of teachers who may take strike action, the number of pupils who will need supervision in order to be safe and the needs of pupils in examination year groups), we anticipate there will be significant disruption and have therefore taken the decision to close the school to the majority of pupils on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to ensure the safe operation and supervision of your children.

## Tuesday - Thursday during the above dates

### Arrangements for Y7, Y8, Y9

- Pupils in Y7, Y8, and Y9 will work from home with work set via pupil email and will be expected to complete the tasks provided. Pupils will receive Oak National Academy Learning that is sequentially planned for each day within a unit of work for most subjects including PSHE.

### Arrangements for year 10

Pupils will receive a blend of direct instruction using the Oak National Academy lessons from senior leaders and school is arranging for some 1:1 tutoring for Maths and Science that we anticipate will take place from week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June (dependent on availability of tutors).

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### Arrangements for Y11

- All Year 11 students will attend school for their examination only and will be on Study leave for the rest of the time.

There will also be a provision for some of our more vulnerable pupils as we have done previously. Pupils who have free school meals will be able to collect a 'grab bag' from the front office during each morning.

We understand that this may cause disruption and inconvenience and, unfortunately, the school does not have the authority to prevent strike action from taking place. However, our priority remains the safety, wellbeing and continued education of all pupils. We continue to engage in negotiation, and should the situation change, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Keenan  
Executive Headteacher