



**ST PATRICK'S**  
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Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to update you about our arrangements for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February which is a regional strike day declared by the NEU.

**I'm sorry to inform you that St. Patrick's will be partially closed on Tuesday 28th February.**

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide safe supervision with the staff we have available.

**We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day unless one of the below applies to your child.**

On that day, our Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations will take place as planned. **All Year 11 pupils should attend school at 8.25am, as normal**, for their GCSE Physics paper which is 1 hour 45 minutes long. Pupils not sitting an examination in the afternoon will then be allowed to go home.

Pupils sitting an examination in the afternoon will be supervised for silent study. The afternoon PPEs are Business Studies, Computer Science and Sports Studies. These will begin at 1pm. Pupils will be allowed to go home at the end of their examination or can be supervised until normal dismissal if they wish to get a school bus.

Some pupils with specific educational needs will be invited in and again, you will receive a separate notification if this applies to your child. The school timetable will be amended for these pupils on this day.

All pupils attending school should be in full school uniform. The canteen will be open for pupils in school on the day, with a limited menu. Buses will be running as normal.

**The Year 7 trip to Stratford that departs on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February will be going ahead as planned.**

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and again ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Pupils should be completing independent work at home and we expect them to uphold the standards of our school during this day. St. Patrick's remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

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We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

Yours sincerely,

Ms G. O'Hagan  
Acting Headteacher

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