



ST PATRICK'S
— Roman Catholic High School —



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Monday 24th April

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to update you about our arrangements for Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May which are national strike days declared by the NEU. Thank you for your patience whilst further discussion took place.

I'm sorry to inform you that St. Patrick's will be partially closed on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.

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.

Year 11 pupils are to attend school on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. The GCSE written examination series begins on Monday 15th May and it is imperative that they are fully prepared for these examinations. Pupils will follow their normal timetable on both of these days.

Across all year groups, some pupils with specific educational needs will be invited in, you will have already received a separate notification if this applies to your child before the Easter break. Please ensure that you have responded to this to let us know if they will be attending. 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.

If your child is in Year 7-10 and not attending school, they should be completing revision for their end of year examinations, which begin on Monday 5th June. Now is the time that they should organise their revision timetable and start to use their knowledge organisers and subject-specific resources to prepare for these important examinations which check their learning for the year and prepare them for the next academic year. All knowledge organisers are available on the website here: <https://www.stpatricksrhigh.co.uk/pupils/pupils-working-from-home/>.

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.

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