



**ST PATRICK'S**  
— Roman Catholic High School —



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Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my letter last week, I am writing to update you about our arrangements for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February which is a national strike day declared by the NEU.

**I'm sorry to inform you that St. Patrick's will be partially closed on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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, there is a Year 11 GCSE examination in Digital IT which will take place as planned. All pupils entered for this examination should attend school at 8.25am, as normal.

We will also try to publish a Year 11 drop-in timetable for pupils to have some intensive revision or coursework sessions for some subjects. This will be sent to Year 11 parents separately once it has been confirmed.

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.

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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