

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: NEU Strike Action

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU (National Education Union) have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 1 February
- Tuesday, 28 February
- Wednesday, 15 March
- Thursday, 16 March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the Government over teachers' pay and not because of any issues with the school.

There is a significant membership of NEU members at Our Lady's, therefore we will be closed for the majority of students on these dates. The school will be open for students who are deemed vulnerable (judged by criteria set by the school) – parents of those students will be contacted directly and asked to complete an online form to confirm attendance prior to each strike date.

For all those who are entitled to free school meals, these will be provided in the form of 'grab bags' (cold packed lunch) which can be collected from the school hall on the day of the strike between 1pm and 1.20pm. Parents of students eligible for free school meals will also be contacted directly before each date and asked to complete a form to confirm if their child will be collecting their lunch.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. We will of course continue to monitor the arrangements in place and make changes where possible to improve support for students if necessary. If the strike action is called off then we will confirm this as soon as we can and in this eventuality the school will be open as usual to all students.

If you have any issues please email main@olcc.lancs.sch.uk and your query/concern will be forwarded to the relevant person.

Yours faithfully



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