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Dear parent/carer,

As you may be aware, two of the teacher unions, the Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association (SSTA) and the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT), intend to carry out industrial action over the national pay offer and their members' plan to strike on Wednesday 7 December 2022.

I wanted to get in touch with you directly as the impact of the industrial action means that you will need to consider additional childcare arrangements on that day.

We have made an assessment on the impact this will have on our school and this is outlined below.

#### **Cardinal Newman High School – Wednesday 7 December 2022**

Due to capacity and resourcing issues, the school will face some challenges and some whole year groups and individual classes will be affected.

- The published timetable for S4/5/6 prelims will go ahead on Wednesday 7 December. All pupils who have a prelim examination on that day should attend at the published times.
- In addition, all S5/6 pupils should attend classes periods 1 and 2 only (8.55 – 10.55am).
- All S4 pupils should attend classes periods 3, 4 and 5 (10.55 – 2.10pm).
- There will be no in school provision for pupils in S1,2, or 3. All pupils in these year groups should remain at home on Wednesday 7 December.

I will contact you next week regarding any online learning arrangements for pupils.

At present school transport will operate as normal. I will let you know if there is any change to these arrangements.

Families in receipt of free school meals on the basis of low income will be reimbursed via a direct payment to bank accounts or via Paypoint voucher to postal addresses which may take up to five working days.

As you will understand, this is a situation that may be subject to change and I will inform you at the first opportunity if there are further changes to the school day.



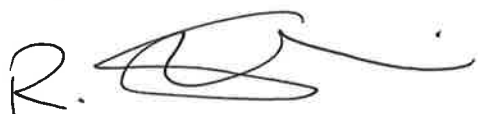
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Every best wish,

Robert Smith

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large capital 'R' followed by a stylized, cursive script that appears to be 'Smith'.

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