



MARICOURT
CATHOLIC
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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you are well.

As some of you may be aware, we have recently been in discussions with the National Education Union (NEU) about how directed time is applied at the school – which is the technical term for the time that teachers are required to teach or do work directed by the school.

While our school is fully compliant with everything that is outlined in the Department for Education's *School Teachers Pay and Conditions Requirements*, we will always listen and try and work proactively with our staff and community. That is why we have engaged in discussions with the NEU and offered good faith proposals to try and resolve the issue.

While we respect that it is their right to strike, we are disappointed that a small number of staff have balloted to continue with the industrial action. The first two days of the action are tomorrow (10th) and Wednesday (11th) of December.

It is important to stress, however, that school will still be open as normal for all pupils. There will be some interruptions from the usual routine of the school day, but we will all be doing our utmost to ensure our pupils are safe and given the very best education they deserve. The key difference is that pupils in year 10 and 11 will be allowed to leave site at 1.30pm tomorrow. If you would prefer your child to be supervised during the afternoon then please let us know and this can be arranged.

As always, if you have any questions, then please do get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs T Hatton
Headteacher