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Dear Parents and Carers,

4th April 2023

Industrial Action – further strike dates announced

I write to you with an update that sadly, unions have announced further industrial action due to the ongoing national dispute with the government. This will unfortunately affect two school days on the following dates:

- Thursday 27th April 2023
- Tuesday 2nd May 2023

I wanted to write to you as soon as possible in order to give you the maximum amount of planning time as a result of the amendments the school will now need to make in order to manage the industrial action.

Due to staffing capacity levels, St Gregory's will only be able to accommodate **one** year group at a time on these dates and we have made the difficult decision to prioritise Year 10 and Year 11 as a result of scheduled mock examinations for Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE examination preparation.

On Thursday 27th April, only Year 11 should attend school. During this day, Year 11 will attend important revision boosters sessions and they will be provided with additional revision guidance and support. There will also be an opportunity to attend lessons as normal with their teachers who are in school on that day and we estimate that 50% of teachers will be available. We ask that 100% of Year 11 pupils attend school this day to take maximum advantage of the booster lessons. **The day will run from 8.40am until 1.25pm** but Year 11 will be welcome to stay for lunch until 2pm.

On Tuesday 2nd May, only Year 10 should attend school. Year 10 will attend their scheduled mock examinations on this day and will be provided with an extended break between the morning and afternoon mock exams. We ask that 100% of Year 10 pupils attend school this day in order to complete their mock examination programme. **The day will run from 8.40am until 1.25pm** but Year 10 will be welcome to stay for lunch until 2pm.

For **Years 7, 8 and 9**, work will be provided and sent out to all pupils so that they can complete school work from home. On the days that Year 10 and 11 are not in school, they will be provided with work to complete at home.

I can understand fully that this national dispute will be having a disruptive and negative impact on your domestic and childcare arrangements at home and it is upsetting for me too to see the loss of normal teaching time. However, I hope that the unions and the government can agree a solution that will enable children to be in school 100% of the time without any further disruption to their education.

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I will keep you informed if there are any changes or amendments to the plans put forward in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. McGlinchey', written in a cursive style.

Mr E McGlinchey
Headteacher