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Dear parents and carers,

You will have received the message from myself regarding the industrial action that is happening this coming week on Wednesday. A significant number of staff are members of the National Education Union and as a result this will impact our ability to keep the school open as normal. As a result on Wednesday 1st February, school will be open for Year 7, Year 11 and Sixth Form students as well as vulnerable students. The school will be closed to students in Years 8-10. Years 8 - 10 will have work set that will be emailed out on Tuesday for them to complete during the day on Wednesday.

I am sure you will agree with me that maintaining classes for the younger students and the students so close to their exams must remain an absolute priority, given the amount of work students and staff have put into the preparation of these over the past few years.

Staff at Cardinal Newman work incredibly hard every single day to ensure the highest possible standards within our school community - so often going the extra mile to support our students. They will continue to do that despite some of the pressures they are facing within the school system. I will send more information regarding the future planned dates of 1st, 15th and 16th March closer to each of those days.

This week’s bulletin includes a number of key messages below that I would encourage you to read.

Have a blessed remainder of the weekend and week ahead.

Andrew Bull
Headteacher

**800 Bus Route**
The road on Windsor Drive in Houghton Regis will be shut on Monday 30th January for one day only. Arriva have provided an alternative bus stop which will be on Park Road North, this is down the road from the Chequers pub.

The students will need to wait at the brick bus stop on the left-hand side of the road at the normal time they would get the bus. Students will be dropped off at Park Road North on the return journey. This will only affect the students that get on at Windsor Drive all other routes and bus stops will remain the same

**Feast Days**
This coming week we celebrate the feast of St John Bosco (Tuesday) the patron of our Don Bosco Centre, and the feast of St Brigid the patron of our SEN provisions on Wednesday. Please do keep all the students and staff who make use of these two centers in your prayers this coming week.

**Uniform**
Thank you for your continued support of the school uniform policy. Please could you check the shoes that your son/daughter is wearing and refer back to previous guidance regarding what is acceptable and what is not.

**Parents Evening Consultation**
Please find attached the results of the Consultation on parents evenings. We will communicate with you regarding the next steps.

**Support for grant proposal**
On Saturday 4th February myself and Graham Upperton (Governor) are presenting to the local residents of this part of Luton, to receive a grant (see attached flyer), if you live in any of the areas listed and are able to come and support, please do! The grant is to have 3 static exercise machines installed, specifically for the use of children from the provisions. It would be great if we could receive this.

**Lunch money**
Please could I remind you to check your child's dinner money online. We have had a significant reduction in the amount owing but still have a number of students who have reached the limit of £10 owed. Please do check and clear any debts.