

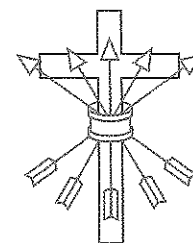
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Dear Parents and Carers,

IMPORTANT: Wednesday, 1st February - change to previous arrangements

Over the course of the past week, the proportion of staff in school who will be striking on Wednesday has risen. Where it was previously below a quarter, it has now risen to approximately 35%. This is a reflection of the national context, and on-going discussions between the Government and the NEU (National Education Union).

Accordingly, we have reviewed the risk assessment for the day. Based on these revised numbers and the reduction of staff on site, I need to inform you that the school will only be open to Years 7, 8, 9, 11 and 13 on Wednesday, 1st February. Unfortunately, **we do not now have capacity to cater for any students in Years 10 and 12.**

I support teachers' right to strike, but I regret the late notice to families of this change. It is, however, the only way that the school can operate safely and effectively. I recognise that this may come as frustrating news to the parents of children in Years 10 and 12. Year 10 should use this time to prepare for their Year 10 Assessments after half-term and, along with Year 12, complete any work set on Class Charts.

Should you have any questions in relation to the national strike and its impact on Waddesdon, please direct them to me rather than individual teachers.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Abbott
Headteacher

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