



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

Burnmill Road - Traffic

As you will be aware the traffic and congestion on Burnmill Road is significant at peak times before and after school. We have raised this as a concern with Leicestershire County Council and requested a survey to consider measures to improve safety and accessibility. We ask that parents who drive to school take extra care and caution at these times of day and, where possible, use the 'D' drive to drop students off rather than the Top Car Park driveway. We also appreciate your consideration for local residents. Please also note the addition of scheduled road works on Alvington Way starting 30th January to 3rd February.

Industrial Action – Strike Days

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on **Wednesday 1st February 2023**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay, and not because of any issues at school.

National industrial action has the potential to affect us all. Many of our teachers and support staff are parents too and so they may not be able to report for work if, for example, their child's school is closed due to strike action and so I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on these dates. We're considering several options, including moving some lessons online and closing the school.

I apologise in advance that I cannot be any clearer at this stage and my hope is that I can communicate our approach next week. I fully understand that this situation may be frustrating, but we have navigated challenges in the past and we will apply the same commitment to our students, staff, and families to make the best decisions possible.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

A reminder of key dates:

- **Monday 23rd January:** Teacher Training Day – School Closed to Students
- **Thursday 26th January:** Parent Forum at 6.00 – 7.00pm
- **Thursday 2nd February:** Year 9 Parents' Evening at 4.00-6.30pm (remote via School Cloud)
- **Wednesday 8th February:** Raising Achievement Evening for Year 11 at 4.00-6.30pm (Appointment only)
- **Thursday 9th February:** Year 9 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm (remote via School Cloud)
- **Monday 13th February:** Year 9 Options Evening 6.00-7.30pm
- **Thursday 16th February:** PE Faculty 'Lock in' Charity Fundraiser – selected students only
- **w/b 20th February:** SCHOOL CLOSED DURING FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary
Principal



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