

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock

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24th November 2016

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

I have been informed by the Teachers Union, the NASUWT, that its members in the College intend to hold a one day strike on **Wednesday 30th November 2016**. The strike action is in relation to education cut backs and the pay and conditions of service of teachers. NASUWT members in schools in Belfast and Newtownabbey will take part in the one day strike.

As the majority of the teachers in the College are members of the NASUWT they will be out on strike on 30th November 2016. With a reduced teaching workforce and lack of adequate adult supervision, I cannot guarantee the health and safety of pupils and therefore the management of the College have made the following contingency plans.

The school will be closed for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 who will be marked present.

The Year 12 and 14 students are in the middle of their mock GCSE and GCE examinations so the school will be open for examinations which will be supervised by staff.

Having examined the Year 13 timetable for Wednesdays we can hold classes for the majority of subjects and where a teacher is absent supervised study will be arranged to allow AS students to continue with their work. Buses will run as usual for Years 12, 13 and 14.

I appreciate that the strike will necessitate alternative arrangements for parents to ensure childcare and I trust that this advance notice gives you time to make arrangements.

Should there be any change in the plans for industrial action I will notify you by text message, the College's website (www.knock.co.uk) and the OLSPCK Twitter account.

Yours sincerely

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Principal



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