



Cookstown High School

Combined Grammar & Secondary School

19 April 2023

Dear Parents

At present, there continues to be no indication that the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT), National Education Union (NEU), Irish National Teachers' Organisation (INTO), Ulster Teachers' Union (UTU), and National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) dispute with the government will be resolved in advance of **Wednesday 26 April**. I am writing to all parents to confirm arrangements for 26 April.

As I stated in my letter in February, our primary responsibility is the health and safety of our pupils and those members of staff who are not participating in industrial action. Planning for this industrial action is difficult due to legal protections for staff participating in strike action, as they are not required to disclose membership of a union to their employer and union members have no obligation to inform the employer of their intention to strike. Please be assured that we will seek to minimise the impact on pupils wherever possible.

Given the complexity of transport issues and the information that we have received to date, the arrangements for Wednesday 26 April will be as follows:

Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will be asked to work from home for the full day and pupils should access work via Teams. Whilst we will do all that we can to ensure that pupils in school receive appropriate work for all lessons, staff taking industrial action cannot be compelled to set work for classes.

Year 12 will go to the Miller Hall when they arrive at school. Pupils will receive revision guidance enabling them to prepare, organise, learn revision strategies and techniques, as well as benefit from the opportunity to revise.

Year 13 and Year 14 will go to the McClay Hall for study/ revision/ enhanced learning sessions.

Parents and carers are asked to note that this represents the position at the time of writing and that further changes may need to be made if required.

Yours sincerely

Miss G J Evans
Principal