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Dear Year 8-12 Parent/Guardian

Industrial Action Update for Thursday 16th November 2023

Further to my recent text message to all parents/guardians, I can confirm that I have received correspondence confirming strike action by the 4 non-teaching unions on Thursday 16th November. The potential impact of this proposed strike action on Newtownhamilton High is as follows:

Impact on Newtownhamilton High School

EA Transport

This only impacts on EA buses (yellow buses) and, at the time of going to print, I am hopeful that our yellow buses will be available on Thursday although I cannot 100% guarantee it. Details of services that will not operate can be viewed on www.eani.org.uk/industrialactionupdates but some services may be disrupted at such short notice that advance notification is not possible.

Parents/guardians are therefore advised to consider potential alternative arrangements in advance and check the EA website regularly – updates will be posted at 5.00 pm each evening.

Southern Regional College

I have been informed that only a small number of the classes delivered at SRC on Thursday will proceed. Pupils who are required to attend have been informed and are expected to travel to Newry as normal while the remaining 11V & 12V pupils should use their time productively at home to prepare for forthcoming exams, modules and Controlled Assessment tasks.

EA Catering

I can confirm that our canteen will be closed on Thursday and so all pupils should bring a morning snack and packed lunch. This also applies to pupils who avail of Free School Meals.

Classroom Assistants

I predict that this will have minimal disruption to Newtownhamilton High School.

To conclude, it is my understanding that this proposed industrial action will not have a major impact on the running of our school on Thursday. Full learning and teaching will continue as normal as this particular strike action does not impact on our teaching staff.

Yours faithfully

Neil Megaw

Principal