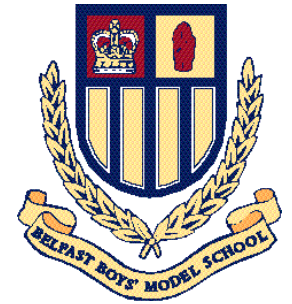


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Dear Parent

As you will be aware the non-teaching trade unions, UNISON, UNITE the union, NIPSA and GMB intend to take strike action on **Thursday 16th November**. For schools, this means that there will be an impact on transport services, school meals, cleaning services and the provision of classroom assistants. The trade dispute is linked to EA pay and Grading review.

At Belfast Boys' Model School, we respect the right of our colleagues to strike and are supportive of their demands for higher pay.

We have completed a risk assessment of the impact of the strike. The school dining centre will be closed and therefore we would be unable to provide food for the boys throughout the day. We employ a significant number of classroom assistants to support the boys. The absence of these highly valued members of staff, because of strike action, would prevent us from making the high-quality provision for the boys that is necessary throughout all aspects of the school day. Namely, classroom support, medical provision, break and lunchtime supervision, as well as one to one support.

As a result, Belfast Boys' Model School will be closed to pupils on Thursday 16th November. School will reopen as normal on Friday 17th November.

Yours sincerely

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**Principal**  
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