



BELFAST MODEL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Principal: Mr E. Wright, BSc (Hons), PGDE, NPQH

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Dear Parents,

From coverage in the local media and press, you may know that four of the teaching unions which make up the Northern Ireland Teachers' Council (NITC) have declared industrial action in relation primarily to a pay dispute with management. This action is between the teaching unions and management, it is not a dispute with the school. This has involved strike action and action short of strike. This action short of strike means that the majority of teachers in the school have been directed by their respective teaching union to not undertake activities outside of the school day, and this has impacted upon parent consultation meetings that would normally take place from 2.30 pm-6.00 pm. The Board of Governors are therefore faced with a challenging situation to make provision for parent consultations.

We did have a parents' consultation for Year 8 at the start of the year and are sorry to inform Year 8 parents that owing to the industrial action, we will not be able to facilitate a further face to face parental consultation as planned at the start of the year. The school does work on a 'no news is good news' basis. This means that, if there were concerns relating to your daughter's academic or pastoral progress, we would contact you to discuss those concerns. As always, if you have a specific concern, you can as normal contact the school to speak to specific members of staff or your daughter's Year Leader.

Can we thank you for your support at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr E Wright
Principal, on behalf of the Board of Governors

