



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.

Monday 24th April was set aside for school development however the Board of Governors have taken the decision to enable a parent consultation for your daughter's Year Group, Year 9, between 08.50 am -3.30 pm on Monday 24th April. Your daughter was given an appointment slip at the end of last week and, should you be able to attend, will make appointments with her teachers in the normal way. As usual, appointments will be on a first come first served basis.

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. Should you not be able to attend during the 8.50 am -3.30 pm times available and 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

