

27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## Strike action by the National Education Union

As you will be aware from my previous letters and media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, which is currently planned to take place on the following dates.

- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

As there has been no progress on talks between Unions and the Education Secretary the strike for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March will go ahead, if there is any change, I will inform you.

After conducting a risk assessment based on the knowledge, I have about my staff's intention to strike I am sorry to say the school will be partially closed again on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

- In line with the Department for Education's advice I have offered places to parents who are critical workers. I will use the same list as last time but any parents that would also like to take up these places can inform main reception by 3pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and they will of course be welcome to attend. Also, we will provide places for vulnerable students, you will have been contacted in person before the last strike and if you expressed your intention that they do attend this is fine. Therefore, these students should attend school as normal on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Students will not follow the normal curriculum. They should report to the library when they arrive at school.
- The School will also be ***open as normal for Year 12 and 13 students***. Some lessons may be cancelled though, and students should bring enough work to complete independently during these times. Students should report to the Main School Hall at the normal time for registration.
- The school will also be ***open for Year 11 students*** who will follow their normal timetable. I have secured agency staff to cover some lesson which would otherwise be cancelled. However, staff are not allowed to set work for these lessons so students should bring in revision or reading materials to work on during these times.
- ***Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 must remain home on these days***. Teachers that are not striking will set work to complete via 'Show My Homework'. Our website has a lot of additional learning available, follow the Curriculum tab and then Home Learning and then to each relevant year group.

Students on Free School Meals that are not in school can come into school at lunch time to eat. Lunchtime supervision works differently under these conditions. Also, a reminder that any unspent Free School Meal money automatically carries over to the next day.

I am sorry that you may have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they may experience further disruption to their education. Hopefully union and the government can resolve this as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawrence Smith  
Headteacher