

30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## Strike action by the National Education Union (NEU)

As I am sure you have seen in the media, I regret to inform you that two further strike days have been planned by the NEU, who are recommencing action after a pause during the examination period. To date there has been no progress on talks between Unions and the Education Secretary since the latter refused to meet. This means industrial action has been announced by the National Education Union on the following dates.

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

So far, this year followed the Department for Education's (DFE) advice by giving priority to vulnerable children, children of critical workers and then, if possible, those sitting public examinations this summer.

- The school will be open for those parents that have made us aware previously (and can do this time by contacting main reception) for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. These students should arrive at school at the normal time and report to the Library.
- The school will open as normal for **Year 12 students** who should assemble in the Main Hall for registration.
- The **Year 8 STEM Bronze Industrial Cadet Awards** visit to General Electric's Headquarters in Amersham will **GO AHEAD**. Student involved in this must report to school as normal on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

***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 and continues to do so for a week.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July is a normal school day. All students must attend.**

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 unions and government can resolve this as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Mr Lawrence Smith  
Headteacher