

21st April 2023

Dear parents / carers,

Re: NEU Strike action - Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023

As you may be aware, the National Education Union (the largest teaching union in the UK) has confirmed that they are calling on their members to take part in further industrial action in schools across the country this term. This will take the form of strike action and is currently due to take place on 27th April and 2nd May 2023. The industrial action is a result of a national dispute between the NEU and the government and is not specific to our school. The overwhelming majority of schools locally and nationally will be impacted by this industrial action but each school will have different arrangements for pupils due to the number of members of its staff who are likely to strike.

We have been working closely with colleagues here at school to plan for the strike so that we can minimise any disruption to our pupils' education. Our current understanding is that a significant number of colleagues will be taking industrial action and we are thus planning for this accordingly. Please note the following:

- a) To protect our examination groups, we will still deliver face to face lessons for Y11 and Y13 students. It is imperative that all students in these year groups attend school as normal on the above dates to maximise their learning at such a crucial time.
- b) All other year groups (Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y12) will work from home and, where feasible, will be set work.
- c) The school will be open to the children of key workers and vulnerable groups. Please contact your year leader (by Tuesday 25th April) to confirm if your child is part of this group and will be attending.

I appreciate that industrial action is disruptive, however, ensuring the health and safety of our students must take priority. Thank you for your continued support and understanding with this matter.

Kindest regards,

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