Headmaster: Dr P C Doherty OBE, BA (Hons), DPhil (Oxon), FRSA



24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) have called upon their members to take further strike action on the following dates which will affect our school's functioning:

- 1. Thursday 2nd March
- 2. Wednesday 15th March
- 3. Thursday 16th March

The industrial action is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the Government over teachers' pay and conditions, not because of any issues at our school or within the local authority. The safe supervision of children is of the utmost importance and given that we anticipate significantly reduced numbers of both management and teaching staff on these dates I have taken the following decisions.

To protect our examination groups (Y11 and Y13), we will still deliver face to face lessons for these year groups. Therefore, all Y11 and Y13 students are expected to attend school as normal on the above dates. All other year groups (Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y12) will work from home and, where feasible, will be set work. The school will be open to the children of key workers and vulnerable groups. Please contact your year leader (by Tuesday 28th February) to confirm if your child is part of this group and will be attending.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding with this matter.

Kindest regards,

Dr P.C. Doherty OBE Headmaster

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