

30 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

## NEU STRIKE ACTION – WEDNESDAY 5 AND FRIDAY 7 JULY 2023

I am sure you will be aware that, following their strike action earlier in the year, the National Education Union (NEU) has declared further strike action for teaching staff on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July 2023.

Whilst the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the Government, and not the school, it is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of our students whilst respecting the rights of our staff. Therefore, my aim is to give you as much notice as possible of the likely impact of the strike action on the school.

We therefore inform you that the school will be closed to Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10's and they will be asked to follow their normal timetable on google classrooms.

For a small group of students with specific needs, we will provide the option of onsite provision so that they can carry out the remote work under supervision. If your child is identified as requiring this need, we will contact you separately to confirm arrangements.

Students that are eligible for free school meals not required in school will be issued with a £5 food voucher at the end of the day on Tuesday 4 July for the Wednesday strike day, and then again on Thursday 6 July for the Friday strike day. These vouchers can be used in major supermarkets. For those students in school, catering will continue as normal.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. If the strike action is called off then we will confirm this as soon as we have been notified and, in this eventuality, the school will be open as usual to all students.

Please note that **Thursday 6 July** is not a strike day and the school will be fully open as usual. All students must attend school on this day.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Yours faithfully

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