

24 February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

## STRIKE ACTION - THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2023

I write with regard to the NEU calling for their members to take strike action on Thursday 2 March 2023 and our proposed plan for the day.

We will follow the same plan that was in place in February, namely, that the school will only be open to our Y11 students, as well as our vulnerable students and students of keyworkers.

For our remaining students in Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10, work will be set on Google Classrooms for remote learning.

For those students in the years above who are eligible for free school meals and **not required to be in school** further correspondence will be sent out next week to update you. For those students in school, catering will continue as normal.

The NEU have indicated that further strike action may take place on 15 and 16 March and I will obviously write to you nearer the time to update you on the status of the school. We do appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. We will ensure that you are informed in advance of each date to confirm any changes to arrangements and whether the strike is going ahead.

While 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

Please be assured that if the strike action is called off, we will communicate this to you at the earliest opportunity and, in this eventuality, the school will be open as usual to all students.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

Mr Stuart Smith

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