



17th February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Update on Industrial Action by Teachers – Wednesday 1st March 2023

You will be aware from my previous message and media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU), one of the country's teaching unions, has declared strike action as part of a national dispute with the Government. Further to my letter dated 27th January 2023, I am now in a position to give you more details about plans in school for Wednesday 1st March 2023.

School will be open as normal for Year 11, **Year 12** and Year 13 students as well as for a small number of other identified students, such as those who have an EHCP. A member of staff will make contact with identified families on Monday 27th February 2023 to clarify the arrangements for Wednesday 1st March 2023. Food will be available at both break and lunchtime as normal for all students in school.

Please note that all Year 11 mock exams scheduled for Wednesday 1st March 2023 will go ahead as planned.

For students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 appropriate work will be set for the full day on Show My Homework. For those students not in school and who receive free school meals, a packed lunch will be available to collect from reception between 10.00am and 1.00pm on 1st March 2023.

Safeguarding, pastoral and reception staff will be working as normal and will be available for any urgent concerns or queries.

We are doing all that we can to minimise disruption during this period of industrial action. However, where necessary, it is advised that you begin considering alternative childcare arrangements for the following dates when further strike action is planned:

- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. I am in close communication with our staff union representatives and will contact you with updates of future planned strike action and its impact in school.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Hirst
Headteacher