



April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I write in regards to the forthcoming strike action by The National Education Union (NEU).

Teachers from the NEU will be striking nationally on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

As Executive Headteacher, my paramount responsibility is for the health and safety of children and staff. Each school is unique, with varying numbers of staff who are members of NEU, and so what may work within one school might not be appropriate in another.

Striking workers are not required to inform their employer as to whether or not they will take strike action until the day of the strike. Also, I cannot compel staff to undertake work, such as covering classes, for staff who are striking. Staff who are striking do not have to set work for their classes.

Parents and carers prefer advance notice of any closure to the school, or of particular year groups, rather than being informed on the day. I am therefore sharing with you in advance the plans for the day of the strike.

School will be closed to Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 on Thursday 27th April 2023 and Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

Where school is closed, children should work from home and undertake revision work, complete any tasks set by teachers on Satchel One, Google Classroom, or any of our online learning resources. MS Teams lessons will not take place. The children should also complete an hour or more of silent reading. Registers will not be taken on the day for these year groups.

Years 11 and 13 will have lessons on site. They should bring revision materials and reading books to school in anticipation of significant staff absence on the day. The canteen and sixth form snack bar will be open.

Some limited provision will be available for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. If you work in Health and Social Care, or Education and Childcare, or the Emergency and Medical Services, and need your child to attend site, or if your child is vulnerable, then please email your child's head of year by 10am on Wednesday 26th April. These children should also bring revision materials and their reading book.

In anticipation of the two days of industrial action, the school will provide a single £5 food voucher for each child who is in receipt of free school meals, sent to the family.

Yours faithfully

D J Gray
Executive Headteacher