

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**RE: Industrial strike action**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that 2023 has got off to a good start for you and your family. I am writing to you with a further update around the ballots on industrial action and what this means for our academy. In short, members of The National Education Union (NEU) voted to strike.

Whilst members of the NAHT and the NASUWT are not currently involved in the strikes, there is a chance that these unions will re-open ballots and we will update you if there is any change.

Strikes will take place across the whole of the country on:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

As a result of the strikes, we will not have enough members of staff to safely open the academy to all students. On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, we will remain open only to pupils in year 11 and for those on the vulnerable register, or children of key workers. All other students must remain at home on this day and we will upload remote learning to the google classroom for your child to complete. Google Classroom log on details will be sent out early next week as a reminder along with a planned schedule for the day. Details of how to apply for a place as a key worker will be emailed out to parents.

It is expected that all Year 11 pupils will attend school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February as usual and all vulnerable/children of key workers who book a place.

We will evaluate our provision at the end of the day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February and will inform you as soon as possible regarding plans for the subsequent strike days.

We appreciate the inconvenience this will cause, and we thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time. We urge you to get in touch with us directly if you are facing difficulties in relation to childcare or other arrangements on the strike days. We will endeavour to support as best we can.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or a member of our senior leadership team, and we would be more than happy to speak with you.

Yours Sincerely



Leigh Moore, Principal.