

Friday 17th February 2023

RE: Industrial strike action – Wednesday 1st March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 1st March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th 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 1st March, 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. Details of how to apply a 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 1st March as usual and all vulnerable/children of key workers who book a place.

A small number of Year 10 BTEC Sport students must also attend during the morning to complete a planned external assessment. Details of this have been sent out directly from the PE department.

We will evaluate our provision at the end of the day on Wednesday 1st March 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.