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**Strike Action by Members of the National Education Union (NEU)
28 February 2023**

Dear Parent,

As outlined in the end of term letter, we are writing to you with an update about plans for next Tuesday 28 February, the first planned day of industrial action by the NEU.

Due to the high number of staff that are in the NEU, there will be major disruption to our school provision on this day. We have completed a detailed risk assessment considering the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of our children, staff and visitors. It is important to reiterate that this is not industrial action against the school, it is as part of a schedule of national action. It is because the NEU states that it has a trade dispute with the Secretary of State for Education.

As a result of this assessment, **we will offer face-to-face provision to cater for the individual needs of a small number of children**. If your child is in this group, like last time, you will receive an email with an invite into school and a link to an online form to register to confirm that your child is accepting or declining the offered place. This means everyone is accounted for and we know exactly who we will expect to attend next Tuesday at 8.45am. If you need the school bus service, please indicate this on the form and then we can confirm or cancel the service.

This means that for all other students in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11, school will be closed on Tuesday. If you have a specific concern about your child, especially if they are in Year 7 or 8 and their supervision on the day, please contact us and we will consider this on a case-by-case basis.

This means that:

- We will **offer face-to-face provision to cater for the individual needs of a small number of children between 8.45 and 3.15. Breakfast Club, Homework Club and all afterschool activities are postponed.** Students who have a confirmed place on Tuesday should wear their school uniform as normal and report to Reception at the start of the day. Break and lunchtime service will be available for students who attend school.
- **For all other students in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11, school will be closed** and homework and/or remote learning will be their priority for the day.

Free School Meals

Students who are eligible for free school meals have the opportunity to order one for Tuesday lunchtime - this must be pre ordered in advance and collected from school on Tuesday at 12.30pm. Please see the email that follows with a personalised link to complete an order for lunch.



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Remote Learning

In line with the guidance from the Department for Education, the curriculum will be paused and resume on Wednesday 1 March. Homework and independent study are the priority for our students. They should be directed to the work recorded on ClassCharts; the purpose of the work is so that they can practise and embed knowledge and skills in these subjects. In summary, you can expect:

Year 7, 8 & 9	Year 10 & 11
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. English - Bedrock & Writing Challenge2. Mathswatch3. Science4. Homework set on ClassCharts5. Read & Watch lists for other subjects6. Reading for pleasure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. English Year 10 – Reading Comprehension Year 11 – Poetry Anthology2. Mathswatch3. Science4. Personalised revision5. Homework set on ClassCharts6. Read & Watch lists for other subjects7. Reading for pleasure

Every school in the country, not least in our Trust, is in a completely unique position. Our plan is specific to the circumstances we risk assessed yesterday, 24.2.23. There is no assumption from school that the arrangements will be the same for the proposed action on 15 and 16 March, if it happens. We will review our risk assessments and confirm our actions in writing in advance.

Further to note, we understand that talks will continue between the trade union and the representatives of the Secretary of State over the weekend. Should there be any update or change, we will confirm this in writing after the weekend, on Monday.

Students should return to school on Wednesday at 8.45am, prepared for a normal school day. Thank you for your understanding and your respectful communication about all of the arrangements that are outlined – your support is invaluable. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours faithfully,

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