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**Strike Action by Members of the National Education Union (NEU)
15 & 16 March 2023**

Dear Parent,

As promised, we are writing to you with an update about plans for Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March, the next series of planned 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 - the strike is because the NEU has a dispute with the Secretary of State for Education.

As a result of this assessment, we will offer face-to-face provision to cater for:

1. **Year 11. All students are expected to attend.** Year 11 will be taught by their subject teachers if they are in school. Students should be prepared for all of their lessons and bring revision materials and homework to use and complete in the case of their teacher not being in school. As normal, students will be supervised at all times.
2. **The individual needs of a small number of children in Year 7 and 8 particularly.** 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, at 8.45am.

This means that for all other students in Year 7, 8, 9, 10, school will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday and homework will be their priority for the day.

On Wednesday and Thursday, there will be face-to-face provision for Year 11 and for the other students whose attendance is agreed, between 8.45am and 3.15pm. The school buses will run as normal but Breakfast Club, Homework Club and all afterschool activities are postponed. In the morning, students in Year 11 should wear their full school uniform and line up on the yard as is normal. Those children in Year 7 and 8 who have a confirmed place should also wear their school uniform as normal and report to Reception at the start of the day. A break and lunchtime service will be available for all students.



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Free School Meals

Students who are eligible for free school meals (who are not in school) will have the opportunity to order one for Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime - this must be pre ordered in advance and collected from school on both days 12.30pm. Please see the email that follows with a personalised link to complete an order for lunch.

Remote Learning

In line with the guidance from the Department for Education, the curriculum will be paused for students in Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 and resume on Friday 17 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:

Year 7, 8 & 9	Year 10
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Homework set on ClassCharts2. Read & Watch lists for other subjects3. Reading for pleasure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Work or Homework set on ClassCharts2. Personalised revision3. Read & Watch lists for other subjects4. 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 today, 13.3.23. Further to note, we understand that talks may continue between the trade union and the representatives of the Secretary of State in the coming days and should there be any update or change, we will confirm this in writing. To be pragmatic and sensible, after school on Wednesday, we will review the provision that we have made and contact the parents of Year 11 late afternoon, with a final confirmation that Thursday's arrangements will be the same. We anticipate that in line with our risk assessment, that this will be the case but it would be remiss of us not to review the provision.

Year 11 Parents' Evening was planned for Thursday 16 March and as a result, this is now postponed. Our staff have agreed, in the best interest of our students, to reschedule it for Thursday 30 March from 4.00pm until 7.00pm. This will be face to face, on site and you will receive information about booking appointments using SchoolCloud later this week.

Year 11 and a small number of other students are expected to attend every day this week. Other students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 are expected to be in school for another two days this week; Tuesday and Friday and attendance is mandatory. Following the industrial action, all students should return to school on Friday at 8.45am, prepared for a normal working 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 hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours faithfully,
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