

10 March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union has declared further strike action, which will take place on Wednesday, 15th March and Thursday, 16th March. The strike is happening because of an ongoing national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues at our school.

I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for 15 and 16 March. Owing to the fact that we are not able to know how many teachers will decide to strike next week, we are forced to assume that our capacity to supervise students, both inside and outside the classrooms, will be extremely limited. For this reason, we are asking that all students in Year 8, 9 & 10 remain at home on Wednesday, 15th and Thursday 16th March.

The only students in school on Wednesday, 15th and Thursday, 16th March will be Years 7 and 11.

If you are a key worker with a child in Year 8 & 9 who cannot be left at home, please contact the school office to discuss suitable provision for your child.

Catering arrangements, including Free School Meals, will be unchanged, though the choice may be slightly restricted.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, or that they may experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. CtK remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further. Arrangements for any potential future strike days will be communicated to you as they arise.

Kind regards,

Mr SN Corless Headteacher



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