



**Wellfield Academy**

Headteacher Mr J Lewis

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Strike action by members of the National Education Union (NEU)**

I am writing to provide a further update with regards to the implications for students at Wellfield ahead of this week's planned strike action. As previously outlined in earlier communication, there are two further strike days planned for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**Arrangements for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Whilst we appreciate the disruption that strike action has upon the education of our students, we have again considered the number of staff who are anticipated to strike this week. We have again concluded that we could not operate the school as normal based on health and safety grounds.

Therefore, in line with our previous decisions, we have decided that students in all year groups will be expected to work from home on both days. This excludes a small number of students with specific needs who we will invite into school to support during the day. If your son/daughter is identified as one who may benefit from our limited in school provision, we will be in touch today or tomorrow. Alternatively, should you have any serious concerns about your son/daughter remaining at home for safeguarding reasons, for example, please do contact us.

It is essential that students should utilise this time to complete additional homework, research and study, particularly Year 11 who should undertake effective revision and study for their GCSE examinations.

We will also be encouraging students in receipt of Free School Meals to complete a pre-order form on Tuesday to collect lunch from school on both Wednesday and Thursday. Please do encourage your child to complete this order form and to then collect from our school office.

Please also be aware that, should the strike action be called off, school will operate as normal with all students expected to attend. We can only apologise if this creates an issue for you once you have already arranged childcare, for example.

Whilst we fully appreciate that the strike action impacts upon the education of your child on the day, the decision has not been taken lightly by teachers who choose to strike or by us as a school. We would like to thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on [enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org)

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lewis  
Headteacher