



10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that members of the National Education Union are planning to continue to take further industrial action in the form of a strike on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. As I outlined in my previous letter this action is not against the school itself but is part of national dispute with the government in which the trade union is campaigning for increased pay for teachers and increased funding to schools.

Members of my leadership team have carefully considered what impact the strike will have on our school and after examining all possible options, I wish to confirm that **the following arrangements have been made for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 23;**

- For Year 11 it will be a normal school day. As usual, we expect **full attendance** from the pupils in these groups.
- For Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 the school will be closed and the pupils should not attend school on that day. Pupils will be set work which will be available via TEAMS.
- For Primary (Nursery to Year 6) the school will be largely closed and the pupils should not attend school on that day. Pupils will be set work on Seesaw and Tapestry. **Year 4 Pine class are requested to attend.**
- If your child is eligible for free school meal's please contact the school office and arrangements will be made for you to collect on the day.

All pupils will return to school on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.

This decision has not been taken lightly. Owing to the potential number of teachers who will not be at work, the school cannot deliver the full curriculum in a safe learning environment for all pupils. However, we have made every effort to ensure that as many pupils as possible are given the opportunity to continue their learning on that day.

Should the strike days be postponed we will let you know.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

R Hicks  
Principal