



16th February 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 Tuesday 28th February. 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 Tuesday 28th February;**

- 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 closed and the pupils should not attend school on that day. Pupils will be set work on Seesaw and Tapestry.
- 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.

Please can I remind you that school will not be open on Monday 27th February as this is one of our INSET days. Due to the strike day on Tuesday 28th February this means that all pupils except for Year 11 pupils will return to school on **Wednesday 1st 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.

I will write to you again closer to the time about the arrangements for the planned strikes on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

R Hicks
Principal