

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware that the NEU has planned further strike action for Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Like before, we have completed risk assessments for these particular days and have reached the following decision:

- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – school will be open as usual.
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – School will be open to Year 7 and Year 8 students and **closed to Year 9 students** on this day only. (Year 10 students are on work experience at this time.)

As always, our priority is to ensure the school can operate safely and although we have a better understanding of anticipated staff absence, we will not know exactly how many teachers we have on site until the actual days. We also know that some staff not taking strike action have children at other schools who are affected by strike action and this can result in additional staff absence. Please also note that although we have fewer students in school at this current time, we cannot use Year 11 and/or Year 10 teachers to cover absent colleagues.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Year 9 students would be the year group most affected and we will therefore set independent work for them to complete at home. Details of this will be sent out at the start of next week.

To confirm, lunch and transport arrangements on the two days will remain the same for students in school. Similarly, after-school clubs will continue as planned unless students are notified otherwise. On the strike days, students will attend form time and lessons as normal and if a teacher is absent, students will be taught, where possible, by a senior member of staff.

We are sorry for any disruption this may cause and as always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



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