

Our Ref: PGI/AH

18th April 2023

Dear Parent//Carer

Industrial Action Planned on 27th April and 2nd May 2023

Further to our previous communication, we are writing to give you advance notice of arrangements for two upcoming days of industrial action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. At this time, the NEU trade union is calling for further industrial action in the form of a national strike day for their teaching members on these dates. This action is happening because of a national dispute between the government and teacher trade unions.

The following information outlines our plans for educational provision on **both Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.**

- In the event of the trade union suspending or cancelling this planned industrial action we will communicate with you immediately.

Based upon our experiences from the previous days of industrial action, we have been working on contingency plans to ensure safe provision for our pupils during the strike. In our preparations we have been conscious of giving families sufficient notice to make alternative plans, where necessary, for this day. Please can you read the following in full as arrangements may differ from those for the previous day of industrial action.

Year 11

Year 11 will attend school as normal on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May and will follow their normal timetable. If their teacher is striking, then pupils will be supervised by SLT and Pastoral or support staff.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will need to learn from home and should not attend school on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. We have put the following arrangements in place to make the days as productive as possible:

- All pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be set an online task of reading and Sparx maths.
- Packed lunches will be available for free school meal pupils to collect from main reception on these days. Please inform us of any dietary requirements in advance.
- We will also be making provision for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 to attend school as normal. Parents/carers of Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 pupils who have a **confirmed place** in our Critical Worker and Vulnerable Provision are welcome to send their children into school on these two days. We will then update staff on plans for these pupils.

Once again we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We are confident that the plans we have made will ensure that pupils experience the best possible provision in the circumstances.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your child's Pastoral Leader in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



Peter Gilbride
Interim Principal