

27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Families,

**Re: National Education Union (NEU) Strike Action – arrangements for the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

As you will be undoubtedly aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced strike action on the following days:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

NEU members have voted to take strike action because of the following reasons (paraphrased from the NEU website):

- Pay for experienced teachers has fallen by one fifth in real terms since 2010
- Children are losing out because there is a recruitment and retention crisis
- Long hours and poor pay are the main reason teachers are leaving the profession

We have some staff who are members of the NEU. After careful consideration, **we will only be opening to the following groups of students on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023:**

- **All Year 11 students**
- **Students with SEND (a link to a survey will be sent out separately, so that you can indicate if your child(ren) will be attending**

Teaching for these groups will be face to face in school, although their usual teacher may not be taking the class.

**Arrangements for years 7, 8, 9 and 10:**

- **Learning to take place on Teams at home (where lessons are not taught by NEU members)**

All staff who are not in the NEU will be on site that day.

**Arrangements for each strike day may be different so further information will be sent to you nearer the time.**

We apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause families. However, we must take the safety of students into account.

Should the strike days be called off or postponed after negotiations with the Government and education unions, we will inform you as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal