

23rd February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

INDUSTRIAL ACTION – Tuesday 28th February 2023

The National Education Union (NEU), which represents some teachers in schools, has voted to take industrial action in the form of a strike on Tuesday 28th February 2023. Ballots for industrial action by the NASUWT and for non-teaching staff members of the NEU were unsuccessful. As such, we expect that only some teaching staff will take part in this industrial action.

We respect the teachers' right to take this action in the dispute they have with the Department of Education. However, we recognise that this will be disruptive to students' education and to parents and carers.

We are working to adhere to government guidelines in offering maximum provision to students and we are therefore prioritising remaining open to vulnerable children, children of critical workers and those who are due to sit public examinations.

All students in Year 11 are expected to attend as normal on Tuesday 28th February 2023.

We will contact parents of children in priority or vulnerable groups to see if they would like us to have their children as we did on the previous strike day.

Students in other year groups, who are not in the priority groups, should not attend the academy on Tuesday 28th February 2023. We would hope these students can make use of the home learning platforms available (Educake, GCSE Pod, Language Nut and Sparx or Hegarty Maths).

The strike day will be a normal school day for Y11s and others attending. We expect them to attend in full school uniform and be here by 8:20am at the latest. School will finish at 2:30pm that day. Break time food and lunch time meals will be for sale as normal in the canteen. Details for students that receive free school meals will be sent out before Tuesday.

We very much regret the disruption and inconvenience caused, but the decision to restrict attendance has been made after very careful consideration and in the best interests of students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs O'Brien
Acting Principal