



Headteacher: Mr E. Wong

25th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carer,

Industrial Action – Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th March

The school has been advised that the National Education Union (NEU) will call upon their members to take strike action on ***the above dates***. This action is called in relation to trade disputes the NEU has with the government on the failure to ensure a fully-funded increase in pay which matches inflation and other funding issues.

Having considered the anticipated staffing situation on that day I have regretfully concluded that the only reasonable steps that I can take to ensure that we are not risking the health and safety of students and staff is to partially close the school.

On Wednesday 1st February 2023 **students in Years 7 - 13 should remain at home** and undertake independent study and complete any outstanding home learning tasks on 'Show My Homework'. Links to online materials and revision resources for Year 11 are on the [school's website](#). If they do not know their login details for subject-specific websites (e.g. Mymaths) they will need to check with their teachers before Wednesday.

All those entitled to free school meals will be issued a single Sainsbury's voucher next week to cover the free school meal cost for the first two anticipated strike days.

The decision to close the school or send students home is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, I have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all students and I thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please note that the school will be open as normal on Thursday 2nd February.

Yours faithfully,

Eliot Wong
Headteacher