



26th January 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I write to you regarding the industrial action that is taking place on the 1st February to outline how this will affect the provision for your child on that day. You are likely to be aware from recent media coverage that one of the teaching unions, the NEU, has declared strike action. It is important to note that the strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher's pay and conditions of employment, and not because of any issues specifically relating to our school.

As Principal, I have had to consider how we manage the inevitable disruption, placing the safety and well-being of our students and staff at the forefront of all decisions we make. As such,

School will be open to:

- Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 only. The Department for Education have asked us to prioritise those groups and we will be providing some lessons and supervised study in school for students in those Year Groups;
- Students who we have identified as vulnerable or those whose parents are critical workers. For those previously identified as critical workers, please confirm your child's attendance with school on Monday so we can plan accordingly;

If you are a critical worker and have not used the provision in the past, we will require a letter from your employer to confirm this in order to accommodate your child. Please pass a letter of proof to our reception before the end of the day on Monday 30th January so we can add your child to this provision.

For all other students, school will be closed. Some work will be provided online through Satchel/Show My Homework that your child should be directed to complete. This may not be from their usual class teacher and will not replace the lessons missed on that day.

I understand that this is disruptive for families. It is not easy to plan provision with so many unknowns around the availability of staff. We are, and will, provide the best service we can on Wednesday 1st February for those in school and those at home. I thank you in advance for your understanding and support on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Doyle