

21st April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you are aware, the planned NEU (National Education Union) Industrial Action is going ahead, and teachers from the NEU will be out on strike on the following dates:

- **Thursday 27th April 2023**
- **Tuesday 2nd May 2023**

School will be open as normal on Friday 28th April.

We have a significant number of staff who are members of the NEU. Legally teachers in the NEU do not need to inform me if they are planning to strike therefore, I am not able to know for sure how many teachers will be attending until just after 8:30am on the relevant day.

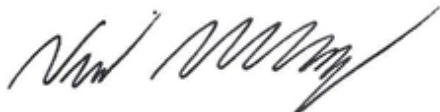
The Government has asked Headteachers to prioritise attendance for vulnerable children and those taking public exams this summer. For this reason I have decided, once again, to restrict attendance to allow only students in Year 11, Year 12, Year 13 and those students classed as vulnerable children into school on that day.

For all other students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 the school will be closed and activities will be made available. The activities for Key Stage 3 students will link into our preparations to celebrate the King's Coronation and will cover a range of different curriculum area themes and approaches which students can pick from to meet their interests. Year 10 students will be given PSHE activities in addition to any other work on Teams. PSHCE is a compulsory part of our curriculum and so it is important for students to cover the work provided for them. Delivering this section of PSHCE this way has meant that we have been able to give curriculum time back to subjects which may have been missed through strike action or addition bank holidays.

Students can also check their subject Teams for work provided or to catch up on. Work will only be set on Microsoft Teams on the day if the class teacher is in school and not striking, however all staff routinely put work in the files section under class materials and so students should check to make sure that they are fully up to date. Students can also use online platforms such as Educake, Kerboodle and Dr Frost. They will be able to find additional work, other than that on Teams, emailed to them and on our website in the online learning section of the learning area.

I would like to thank you in advance for your understanding as this challenging situation continues.

Yours faithfully,



Neil Dimbleby
Headteacher