



24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the NEU's members are set to strike on 2nd March, following a dispute which has arisen between the unions and the government about teachers' pay. This has not arisen due to any issues at the school.

As last time we are working on the assumption that the school will be open on the strike day; however, we need to ensure that in doing so we are able to meet the health and safety requirements for students and non-striking staff. As a result, we are currently in the process of planning for the upcoming strike, considering whether we can stay fully open. As Year 11 students have their mocks on the strike day, we will ensure that even if we have to partially close Year 11s will be in school.

As explained last time, we will not know exactly which staff will take strike action on 2nd March until the morning of the strike day, so we are unable to say with certainty to what extent we will be open. With this in mind, school will not start until 9.10am. Upon arrival, students will go directly to Period 1, rather than to registration with their tutor group. The school gates will be open from 8.45am, but we ask that students arrive as close to 9.10am as possible in case we need to partially close the school. A message will go on the website and be sent out via Schoolcomms by 7.30am to confirm the arrangements for the day. We ask that students bring their PE kit regardless of whether they have PE on the timetable on this day.

We realise that this may cause you disruption, for which we apologise. We wish to assure you that we will be taking all reasonable steps to minimise disruption to student learning. We are sure that all members of the school community will continue to treat each other with respect. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Walter