



26 January 2023

Dear parents/carers

## **Re: NEU National Industrial Action**

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU have declared strike action which will take place on:

- · Wednesday 1 February 2023
- · Wednesday 1 March 2023
- · Wednesday 15 March 2023
- · Thursday 16 March 2023

The strike is happening due to a national dispute between the National Education Union and the government over funding for schools and teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our Academy or in our Academy Trust.

To ensure we can maintain safe staffing levels, we have made the decision to close the Academy to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 on Wednesday 1 February 2023. Students will be able to access lesson activities via Class Charts. I will provide more details about this work early next week.

The Academy will be open, as normal, for Years 10 to 13 to support these students as they prepare for examinations. The Academy will also be open for students who are potentially vulnerable.

A member of our team will be in contact with you if your child falls into this vulnerable group.

For students who are eligible for Free School Meals, packed lunches will be available for collection, from our reception, between 12.00pm and 1.00pm

We are sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our children and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and we will inform you of the further arrangements as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Mr Ged Rae Principal