

Our Ref TOU/KEG

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may have seen in the news, the National Education Union (NEU) has voted for strike action for teaching staff on 15th and 16th March 2023.

Teaching staff at our school have a legal right to take part in the planned strike action, however, it is important to emphasise that the dispute and strike action is not specific to our school. The industrial action is in relation to the NEU's dispute with the Government over the nationally agreed pay rises when taking into account the pressures faced by staff with the increased cost of living which we are all experiencing. It is a national issue, affecting all schools in England.

Due to expected staff shortages, we have decided to keep the school open for Year 10, Year 11 and Sixth Form students **ONLY**.

Full uniform is expected from these year groups. **Year 10 students are asked to please bring their PE kit with them on both days.**

All other year groups (Y7, 8 & 9) will have a resource booklet available to them to complete at home, this will be available online or a paper copy will be available for them to collect on Tuesday 14th March. Our Catering company, Chartwells, will be providing food throughout breaks and lunchtimes as usual for all students within school.

If your child is in Years 7, 8 or 9 and in receipt of free school meals and would like to come in at lunchtime (12:30 – 13:00) for a hot meal, they are more than welcome. They must wear full school uniform and enter through the main reception.

Kind Regards,



Tom Urwin
Principal