

26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear parents and carers

The NEU have announced a further two days on industrial action, on Wednesday and Friday next week (i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July). Unfortunately, this will mean more disruption and school will not be able to open for all year groups. Therefore:

- On **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**, students in Years 7 and 8 will need to stay at home and work will be set remotely. Years 9, 10 and 12 should come to school, with most of their lessons likely to go ahead as normal.
- On **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**, Years 9 and 10 will work at home, with Years 7, 8 and 12 coming into school.

As with previous days of industrial action, if your child has an EHCP and you would like us to supervise them for the day, please let the SEND team know in advance.

You may notice that this means we will have one fewer year group in school than the last couple of strike days (not counting Year 11 or 13). However, there are several trips and other activities taking place next week and we are very keen not to see those disrupted; with the additional members of staff this means being out of school on top of those taking part in the industrial action, we need to be careful that we don't stretch ourselves too thinly.

Once again, I'd like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. This is a difficult situation for everyone involved and I remain grateful to people for allowing us to manage it with the minimum of conflict and with respect for all the different parties involved. With luck, the government and unions will come to an agreement soon in order that any further disruption in the autumn can be avoided.

Kind regards



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