27th June 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union has declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

The strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over deeply held concerns on the future of education, and not because of any issues at our academy.

I am sorry to inform you that our school will be closed on these dates. We are asking you not to send your child into school on these days.

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and do not consider this to be possible with the staff we have available.

Our site will remain open for a small group of students where families need emergency childcare, we will also be inviting a small group of students on site on the day and you will be contacted by your child's year team if this applies to your child.

I am sorry you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

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

If you have any questions, please contact the school office or your child's Head of Year.

Sincerely

Mr Chaudhri

Principal of Secondary & Sixth Form



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