

27 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

In an update to my previous communication before the half-term break, a reminder that the NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

The continued strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and not because of any issues at our school.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation.

Below are the updated arrangements for the 2nd strike day on Wednesday, 1st March:

- Years 7-10 will be provided online work via their Show My Homework portal. Any students unable to access work online need to let us know as soon as possible so that year teams can start to organise work packs to take home for the day. **School WILL be closed for years 7-10, 12 and 13.**
- **School will be open for Year 11 only**, and we expect attendance as normal for Year 11 students.
- School will also be open for our most vulnerable students.
- School will provide packed lunches for all our Free School Meals students who are working from home, should they require one.

Unfortunately, due to staffing numbers we are unable on this occasion to open for more than one year group. We are hoping that for the 15th and 16th March dates, we will have a better idea of numbers to allow more students on site.

*Please note, that teaching members of staff who are striking are not compelled to set work for students therefore, some remote work will be generic and will be labelled: GENERAL in Show My Homework. If there is no specific set work for a period on Show My Homework, they need to complete this GENERAL work linking it to the subject scheduled on their timetable.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and/or that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Fairfax Academy remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

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

Yours sincerely



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Principal