

30th January 2023



SARUM
ACADEMY

Dear Parent

Re: Strike Action – Wednesday, 1st February 2023

Thank you for your patience as you have waited to hear of the impact of the proposed industrial action on our school. I am now in the position to inform you of the details.

This Wednesday, 1st February, it is the intention of the National Education Union (NEU) to take strike action. The day will be disruptive, and it is likely that all schools across England will be impacted in some way. A large proportion of our teachers are members of the NEU union and are intending to take strike action on Wednesday.

The Department for Education have requested that all schools prioritise students in examination years. We are fulfilling this request and we will remain open for face to face teaching for all students in Year 11 and 13. In addition, students in **all years** who have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) or who access the Restart provision will also be able to come to school and receive education onsite.

All other students (Year 7, 8, 9, 10) will be required to stay at home and access remote learning via ClassCharts. There will be work set for Maths, English and Science. In addition to this we highly recommend some reading and some form of physical exercise.

Year 12 students should have plenty of independent study to continue working on. Should they wish to come into school to use the Study Centre and IT room, this can be accommodated.

Summary

- Year 7, 8, 9, 10 students should stay at home and complete remote learning
- **Except** students with EHCPs or Restart students who can attend school and will be supervised to complete their remote learning
- Year 11 students **MUST** all attend school. Mock examinations will continue as normal
- Year 12 students can attend school to access IT and the study centre
- Year 13 students **MUST** attend school. Lessons will continue, however, some will be covered if their teacher is not in.

This is the first of four days which teaching unions have said will be used to take strike action. Another three days are planned for Wednesday, 1st March, Wednesday, 15th March and Thursday, 16th March 2023. We are planning for one day at a time – as the picture becomes clearer closer to each day we will keep in touch with you about the impact on our school.

If the strike action causes your family significant issues, we may be able to support you. If this is the case please email my PA Mrs Bonner sarah.bonner@sarumacademy.org with the details.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this time.

Yours sincerely

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