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Dear Parent/Carers,

Strike Action

As you are aware from my last letter on 27th January 2023 and recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared a second day of strike action which will take place next Thursday 2nd March 2023.

The day will run in a similar way as the last one on Wednesday 1st February, with the exception of Year 11 and 13, see below. Therefore, there will be remote online learning for all where staff are not striking, some staff who are striking will still have set online work. Where work is not available students should engage in independent study, revision or research into the topics they are studying in that subject.

Our mock exams will continue as planned. If students have an exam, they are expected to attend their exam and remain on site all day if they also have an exam in the afternoon. Those students who do not have an exam in the afternoon can go home after their exam or are welcome to remain on site and revise independently. Any Year 11 student not in an exam should remain in the Lime Lounge and this area will run as a study cafe. Students will need to sign out at the Student Hub if leaving site after their morning exam. We will send a link on Monday if your child does not have an afternoon exams but wishes to remain onsite to study. CG1 and CG2 buses will be running as normal.

Year 13 students will only need to attend for their mock exams, again, any that wish to use the Sixth Form study area for the day need to sign as in their usual way. Food will be available at the usual times in the Lime Lounge.

Children of critical workers and vulnerable children are again able to be on site studying in the library, please complete the link if you wish them to do so. If your child is in receipt of an FSM and they wish to pick this up at the end of the day on Wednesday, then also please complete the link below by Monday 27th February.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=olwv4-PvvUilJwTnuKisT8wOkndOQ55Gt7BnRdl_QCBURDRPNZCTUcwUkE5TVZaNDZVRkFDNUFQRC4u

The NEU has indicated that they will continue strike action for a further two days after this second strike on the 15th and 16th March. I will write to you in advance of each date to confirm any changes to arrangements and whether the strike is going ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Walters
Principal