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18th January 2023

Re: Industrial Action

Dear Parent,

You may be aware from recent media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) has successfully balloted for industrial action. I wish to stress that this is due to a national dispute between the NEU and the Government and not because of any issues at the Academy.

Currently, the scheduled days for industrial action are:

Wednesday 1st February Wednesday 1st March Wednesday 15th March Thursday 16th March

I am contacting you at this stage to give you as much notice as possible regarding the dates and arrangements.

In line with the DfE guidance, I will endeavour to keep the Academy open to as many year groups as possible, prioritising Year 11. Where this is practically not possible, I will look at what reasonable arrangements can be made with the provision of work online.

I apologise in advance for any disruption to your child's education, but stress again that this is a national dispute between the NEU and the Government.

I will write to you next week once I have confirmed arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. N. Houchen Principal

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