

20th June 2023

Dear Parents

As you may be aware from the news over the weekend, the National Education Union has announced two further days of national strike action this term. The days of strike action will be on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July.

It is highly likely, unless there is a solution to the dispute, that the school will be closed to students on both these days, and I am thus asking families to make arrangements for alternative childcare. As previously we will make provision for those students who are considered to be vulnerable, and we will be arranging for vouchers to be distributed to families of students on Free School Meals. We will also be asking those Year 10 students who have end of year exams on Wednesday 5th July to come in to sit those examinations. We will be writing to those concerned separately with fuller details.

The 7th July was planned as our Sports Day and also Year 10 Team Building Day. We are now looking to see if there is any possibility of these two events being rescheduled and I will update families on this as soon as I am able.

If you would like to read the NEU's rationale behind these strike days please visit <https://neu.org.uk/latest/press-releases/neu-executive-schedules-further-strike-action>

Yours faithfully,


Patrick Cozier
Headteacher

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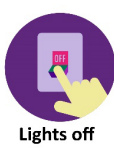
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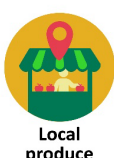
5-Minute showers



Drive less



Lights off



Local produce



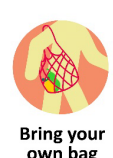
Refill and reuse



Meat-free meals



Zero waste fashion



Bring your own bag



Recycle



Unplug