

Friday 27 January 2023

Dear families

Industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU)

As some of you may be aware, one of the teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), is planning strike action over the next couple of months. This is a national strike regarding a dispute between unions and the government over teachers' pay.

The NEU has given notice to us that strikes will impact Dixons Allerton Academy on 1 February, 28 February, 15 March, and 16 March.

While we believe discussions are ongoing between unions and the government which could see some strikes cancelled, we have had to make plans for Wednesday 1 February on the assumption that action will be taken on that date.

Having considered the number of teachers at school who are members of the NEU, I have made the difficult decision to partially close the school on this date.

School will remain open all Year 11 students, who are preparing for their GCSE examinations, and those who are deemed to be vulnerable or have additional needs.

We will confirm directly with those families whose children will be able to attend school via a phone call from a member of the inclusion team. All Year 11 students will be expected to attend as normal.

School will be closed to students in Years 7-10, and those in Post-16. Students in these year groups will be expected to work from home.

All students will be expected to attend the academy as normal on Thursday 2 February 2023.

We have decided to restrict access in this way to ensure that we can provide an appropriate level of supervision and ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of those in school.

For those children not in school, we will send further information about how they can access their timetable and work for that day. We will post links on our website and communicate arrangements to you in advance of Wednesday.

If there are changes to our plan for responding to the proposed industrial action, I will advise you as soon as possible. I will write to you ahead of the proposed action on 28 February and 15/16 March to confirm the arrangements for those days.

We wanted to communicate as soon as possible so you can plan accordingly. Thank you, as always, for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely



Danny Carr
Principal

