

Friday 24 February 2023

Dear families

Industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU) – Tuesday 28 February

As some of you may be aware, one of the teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), is continuing with their planned 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 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 Tuesday 28 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. All Year 11 students will be expected to attend as normal and mock exams will continue to go ahead as planned.

We will confirm directly with those families of children in years 7-10 who will be able to attend school via a phone call from a member of the inclusion team.

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 Wednesday 1 March 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 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



