

21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: Further information about planned Teacher Strike Action April & May 2023**

Following the previous communication on the planned National Education Union Strike on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, I am writing to update you on my plans for running the Academy on these days.

Based on the information I have with regard to the number of staff who may take industrial action on this day, I have concluded that in the interests of health and safety, there will be a partial closure of the Academy on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

The Academy will be open to all students who may be taking external exams this summer, so we would expect all students from Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 to attend the Academy at the normal time on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. We will also be open to vulnerable students that are not in the above year groups, and these families will be contacted separately.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 not in the above category **should not** attend the Academy on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 and will instead work remotely using Microsoft TEAMS.

All students currently entitled to receive free school meals will be given the option to collect a packed lunch to take home with them on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 ready for Thursday. These will not be available to collect on the day of the strike. For strike day Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, packed lunches will be able to be picked up at 10.00 a.m. via reception.

Please email [ClaireJones@darlaston.graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:ClaireJones@darlaston.graceacademy.org.uk) by 8.00 a.m. on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 if your child would like a packed lunch for one day or both.

We wanted to give you this information as soon as we could to provide you with adequate time to make alternative arrangements.

We understand how disruptive this may be for you as parents and carers and will endeavour to minimise the impact it will have on you as much as is possible.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs Julie Anstey**  
**Associate Principal**