

30th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Further information about planned Teacher Strike Action February & March 2023

Following the previous communication on the planned National Education Union Strike on Wednesday 1st February 2023, I am writing to update you on my plans for running the Academy on this day.

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 Wednesday 1st February 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 1st February 2023. We will also be open to vulnerable students that are not in the above year groups, and these families will be contacted separately.

The Law trip involving year 12 and 13 will take place as usual.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 not in the above category **should not** attend the Academy on 1st February 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 31st January 2023. These will not be available to collect on the day of the strike. Please email ClaireJones@darlaston.graceacademy.org.uk by 8.00 a.m. tomorrow morning (Tuesday 31st January) if your child would like a packed lunch.

We wanted to give you this information as soon as we could to provide you with adequate time to make alternative arrangements. Unfortunately, at this stage we are unable to provide any further information on our plans for the other 3 days of announced industrial action, but we will communicate these as soon as possible.

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