

JC/JD

26th January 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

As you may be aware the teacher's unions are in dispute with government over pay. The National Education Union (NEU) now has authority from its ballot to call upon its members to take part in industrial action. This will consist of strikes on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Tuesday 28th February
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

We have significant numbers of teachers who may take strike action and we will not know the number of staff in school until the morning of any strike day.

Having considered the potential impact on our learners, and with their health and safety paramount to our decisions, we have confirmed that school will be closed to the majority of students on the first strike day (Wednesday 1st February).

For the majority of students, we will move to remote learning, which will be provided as a mixture of remote live lessons and other learning tasks. It will be important for your child to have access to their school email account to access work and be able to contact staff who are in school.

The school will be open to a small number of identified students on the first strike day (Wednesday 1st February) and these parents will be contacted separately later today.

The school will also be open for all Year 11 students to attend in the morning to complete their BTEC Digital Information Technology exam. This is an external examination and all Year 11 students must attend as normal at 8.30 in full uniform to complete their exam. Year 11 students will however need to leave site after their examination is complete, by 11am. We will text all Year 11 parents at the exact time of leaving. After this time Year 11 students will be expected to access remote learning. We will shortly be providing students with instructions for how to access their remote learning via their school email account. Students will be expected to respond via email during the day to learning shared. If your child cannot access online learning please email

enquiries@chaucer.sheffield.sch.uk

If your child/children are in receipt of Free School Meals we will be offering a food grab bag and you will receive a survey shortly to confirm if you would like your child to receive this.

We understand the difficulty that the strike days may pose for our families and would like to reiterate that our decisions for the first strike day (Wednesday 1st February) have been taken to ensure the health and safety of all our learners. We will review and assess this approach for further strike dates and inform you of any changes.

If you have any further questions at this stage then please contact:

enquiries@chaucer.sheffield.sch.uk

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanna Crewe', written in a cursive style.

Joanna Crewe
Head teacher