

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Industrial strike action

I hope this letter finds you well.

Further to my letter sent on the 23rd February, I am writing to you concerning the forthcoming industrial action on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023 and what this means for our academy. As mentioned previously, The National Education Union (NEU), National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) and National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) held ballots of their members on industrial action. Following these votes, members of the NEU across England decided to strike.

The next strike will take place on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. **As a result of the strike action, we will not have enough members of staff to safely open the academy to all students or be able to provide remote education. We will therefore just be open to students in Year 11, 12 and 13 as well as those on the vulnerable register and the children of critical workers. If your child is on the critical workers list, please kindly let us know by completing this very short form by 9am on Tuesday 14th March: [NHS Critical Worker Form](#).**

Recent changes to critical workers guidance now ask us to provide places for children of NHS staff and other emergency services to protect essential public services.

We appreciate the inconvenience this will cause for some families, and we thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time. Please note that if your child receives free school meals, they will be able to take a packed lunch home with them the day before the strike day for the next day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the academy on 01983 203103 or email info@cowesec.org.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Rachel Kitley
Principal