

18th April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

TEACHER STRIKE ACTION - IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

As you will already be aware, teacher members of the NEU (National Education Union), have voted to take further industrial strike action. The next strike date is due to take place on **Thursday 27th April 2023**, with an additional strike date on **Tuesday 2nd May 2023**.

As an academy, our main aim is to try ensure that the impact of the strikes has as smaller impact on your child's learning as possible. This also needs to be balanced out with ensuring that we have sufficient staff in the academy to maintain a safe learning environment. As such, the decision has been made that on the above dates, **the academy will only be open to Y11 students, whilst Y7 – Y10 students will be provided with home learning activities.**

As I am sure that you can appreciate, any strike action can be subject to change, and so as an academy, we will keep you updated with any foreseeable changes to the above.

Please continue to check text messages, emails, the academy website, social media outlets and letters for further updates around specifics of home learning activities for students in Y7-10 and also details of how eligible students can still access their free school meal at lunch.

Everyone at E-ACT Parkwood Academy respects the right to strike. We understand that teachers who have voted to strike will not be taking this action lightly. Our priority has to be to ensure that our young people are not adversely affected by the strikes. Therefore, we are planning to ensure that they are able to keep learning on the days when strikes are due to be taking place.

If you have any queries around the contents of this letter, then please do not hesitate to contact the academy via the usual means.

Yours sincerely

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