



21st June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to provide a number of updates and reminders.

Industrial action

Parents and carers may by now be aware that members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted in favour of two additional days of industrial action during this academic year. The dates have been confirmed as Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. We are hopeful that these days are averted; however, we will be making plans for partial opening on each of these days, which I hope to be able to share with parents and carers during the week ahead. I do understand that this will be a cause of frustration for many parents but we will do our best to minimise the disruption.

As mentioned previously, the NEU is in dispute with the Government and not the school or schools. Further to this, I would also give advance notice that the other teaching unions are currently in the process of balloting their members about further action in the autumn term. This includes Association of School Leaders (ASCL) and the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT), which is an unprecedented action (e.g. ASCL has not previously balloted its members in its 150 year history). Again, we hope that any further action can be averted. I will update parents and carers as and when it becomes appropriate to do so.

INSET day - 30th June

I would like to remind parents and carers that next Friday, 30th June is a staff INSET day and that the school will be closed to all students. Staff will be in school on Friday working in teams to plan for the coming academic year. I would ask that parents and carers refrain from contacting members of staff on the day as they will not be accessing their phones or emails.

Pattern of the school day

As the examination season will be coming to a close this week, we will be reverting to the normal pattern of the school day on Monday. As a reminder, this will be a 2-2-1 pattern with one lesson after lunch time.

Sports Days

Parents and carers will be aware that our two school sports days will be taking place tomorrow for Years 7 and 8 and on Friday for Years 9 and 10. With the warm weather set to continue for the near future, I would like to remind parents and carers to ensure that their child has a water bottle or sufficient liquid refreshment for the day, adequate sunscreen and where possible, a light coloured hat to protect their head from the sun.

Yours sincerely

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