

# CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

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**January 2023**

**RE: National strike action**

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

The NEU (National Education Union) has announced a number of strike days as part of an ongoing dispute with the Government about pay.

The first NEU strike day is scheduled for next week **Wednesday 1st February 2023**. At the City of Derby Academy we do have a significant number of NEU members who will be striking but we will not know the exact number until the day itself. Whilst we do expect teachers who are not in the NEU to be in school, colleagues in other unions are not obliged to cover for striking colleagues. Due to the huge uncertainty this creates we will not be able to deliver a 'normal' education or ensure enough supervision to maintain the health and safety of all students.

Therefore, although we aim to remain open for some students (as we did during the COVID-19 lockdown), the majority of students will be able to access remote learning resources on **Microsoft Teams** at home. If your child does not have a device at home, please contact your Head of Year or Deputy Head of Year (contact details are below) and we will try our best to help. Students not in school will be logged as having an **authorised** absence. Details about logging into Teams can be found on our website: <https://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/remote-learning/>

Staff who aren't striking will be supervising students in school, monitoring student access to Teams, or providing support to students if there are any issues. Some families will also be receiving wellbeing phone calls during the day.

## **School attendance**

We will be contacting some parents/carers directly to confirm the attendance of their children on the strike day. If we haven't contacted you directly by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January but you need your child to attend school next Wednesday please call or email the appropriate Year Team to confirm.

## **Lunch Provision**

We will be providing food for students attending school next Wednesday. If your child is eligible for a free school meal but they won't be attending school they can still collect a packed lunch. Again, please call or email the appropriate Year Team to arrange.

I recognise that the strike action will cause disruption, but it is part of a dispute with the Government and not with the Academy or Trust, so it is beyond our control. We will update you on the arrangements for the next scheduled strike days which are Wednesday 1st March 2023, Wednesday 15th March 2023, and Thursday 16th March 2023.

Yours sincerely,

**Adrian Harding**  
**Headteacher**  
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