

**Dear Parent and Carer** 

I have written to you previously about the strike days that the School has been notified of by the NEU. I am sorry to inform you that the NEU have indicated staff will be on strike on the following additional days before and after Christmas:

- Thursday 14 December 2023
- Wednesday 10 January 2024
- Thursday 11 January 2024
- Wednesday 17 January 2024
- Thursday 18 January 2024
- Friday 19 January 2024

As the School cannot provide sufficient cover for the staff who are on strike, the School will need to close for those days, but will remain open for year 11 and identified pupils.

Unfortunately, the strike action will affect our festive season events. But we do not want students to miss out and so have decided to make Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, our Christmas celebration day, which we know our students and staff enjoy. On this day, students will enjoy Christmas lunch and wear their Christmas jumper. In the evening students will enjoy the festive Winter Wonderland.

Please rest assured that myself and Governors are doing everything we can to respond to the Union and to maintain teaching and learning. We do not believe there is any just cause for strike action and no individual has been singled out and treated unfairly. We have asked the Union again to reconsider their position and put the interests of our children first. Yours sincerely

Ursula Norbert Headteacher

