



Moorside High School

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

27th January 2023

Ref: National Education Union (NEU) industrial action. Wednesday 1st February 2023.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following on from my letter earlier this week regarding the nationally planned industrial action by teachers in the National Education Union (NEU) on Wednesday 1st February. We have spent time reviewing the potential staffing and have worked closely with our Trust - Consilium Academies and have followed the guidance from the Department for Education. As a result of this, school will be closed to all students on Wednesday 1st February apart from Years 7 and 11. We have decided to prioritise Year 7 as we know that many parents may be uncomfortable with leaving students of this age at home throughout the day. With regards to Year 11, we believe that we can use the day to prepare students for their forthcoming summer examinations. I have not taken this decision lightly. My first priority has to be to open the site in a safe and secure manner. Just to reiterate:

- Year 11 and 7 students in school.
- Year 8, 9 & 10 are not to attend on this day as we will not have enough staff available to ensure we can educate students in lessons and supervise them at break and lunchtime.
- The following identified students will be invited into school. Students with Education, Health Care Plans (EHCPs) and /or children who are supported by Social Services. Parents/Carers of students who come under these focus groups will be contacted.

For those students who are not in school, we will provide learning that will be accessed online via teams for students to complete during the allocated lesson. Please note that the NEU have also provisionally called strike action on the following dates:

- Tuesday 28th February 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

We will know more about our ability to open on the above dates based on the experience of next week. I will send a message in the week beginning Monday 20th February (during half-term) with regards to what we plan to do on the next proposed strike date.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at MHsinfo@consilium-at.com if you have any further questions.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully


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