



The Sutton Academy
Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr P Willerton

Dear Parent/Carer

27 January 2023

As promised in my recent letter, I have had the opportunity to review the staffing numbers at the academy on Wednesday 1 February. **Due to the NEU national teacher strike action, unfortunately the academy will be closed to students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.** It will be open to students classed as vulnerable in those years groups, we have used the Department for Education guidance, to identify those students classed as vulnerable and **those parents/carers will receive a letter with details later today.**

The academy will be open to Year 11 students with bespoke onsite provision. This is currently being planned and further details will go out to all Year 11 parents/carers soon.

The academy will be open as usual to Years 12 and 13 students. They will attend their lesson as normal with their teacher. If their teacher is not on site that day, then they will complete the work in the Sixth Form directed study area.

For students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10, online learning tasks will be provided. The academy website will contain all of the links for each subject, Further details in regard to this will follow.

There are further strike days planned on Tuesday 28 February, Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March. I hope that an agreement can be reached between the NEU and the government to avoid these happening. If the strike action does go ahead on these dates, I will have a better understanding of available staffing after Wednesday 1 February and so will hope to provide a more significant provision to students.

I appreciate how disruptive the strike action will be to parents/carers, I have provided a [LINK](#) to information from the NEU which explains the rationale for the action they are taking.

If you have any queries, don't hesitate to get in touch with myself or a member of the academy Leadership Team.

Yours faithfully



Mr P Willerton
Principal

