



The Sutton Academy
Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr P Willerton

Tuesday 7 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that unless an agreement is reached, NEU teaching union intend to hold a third and fourth day of strike action on **Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March**. I have had opportunity to review the staffing numbers at the academy to determine what provision we can safely offer, with nearly seventy teachers not attending that day.

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 year 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 further details.

I am conscious that Year 11 are getting closer to their final Summer examinations and so I am working on how we can be fully open to Year 11 all day. I will write to Year 11 parents once this work is complete.

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

For students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, online learning tasks will be provided. The academy website will contain the links for each subject - details to follow.

For any student in receipt of Free School Meals, the academy will email parent/carers a supermarket voucher.

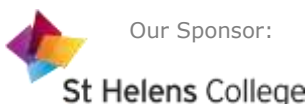
I appreciate how disruptive the strike action will be to parents/carers. I have provided a [LINK](#) to information from the NEU which explains the rationale for the action they are taking.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or a member of the Academy Leadership Team.

Yours faithfully



Mr P Willerton
Principal



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