



The Sutton Academy
Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr P Willerton

21 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that the NEU intend to hold a second day of strike action on **Tuesday 28 February**. As promised in my recent letter, 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 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 all Year 11 students for the full academic day. It is compulsory that all Year 11 attend the academy as normal.

The academy will be open as usual to Year 12 and 13 students. They will attend their lessons 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 and 10 online learning tasks will be provided. The academy website will contain all the links for each subject, details of this to follow.

For students in Years 7 to 10 in receipt of Free School Meals, the academy will be emailing parents/carers a shopping voucher, on the day of strike action.

There are further strikes planned on Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023. I hope that an agreement can be reached between the NEU and the government to avoid this happening.

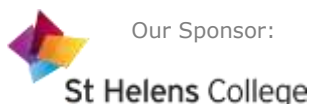
I appreciate how disruptive the strike action will be to parents/carers, I have provided a [LINK](#) to information from the NEU which explains the rationale for the action they are taking.

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



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