

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Strike Action**

I hope this letter finds you well.

As you may be aware, the membership of the National Education Union (NEU) has voted to take industrial action in schools across the country. This will take the form of strike action and the first day will be **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

The industrial action is a result of a national dispute between the NEU and the government and is not specific to our school nor to United Learning. The overwhelming majority of schools locally and nationally will be impacted.

We have 37 NEU members in school and although we cannot be certain, we must assume that the majority of those staff will not be in work. This will mean it will be impossible and unsafe for us to run anything like a normal day.

I am very disappointed to inform you that we cannot fully open and students in **years 7 to 10 will need to remain at home**.

I apologise for the disruption caused by this dispute and for any inconvenience this causes you. I am sure you know that it is always my intention to minimise disruption to education, but we have little choice.

Years 11, 12 and 13 will attend school as usual and we will aim to run a normal school day and timetable. Catering will operate as usual.

We will also be inviting some individual younger students in to school who may have particular needs or circumstances. **If any parents with younger students are unable to make other childcare arrangements in order to get to work**, we may be able to supervise their children in school for the day. Please email [schooloffice@baconcollege.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@baconcollege.co.uk) if you are in this situation.

We will be providing remote work for students to complete at home on this day, but cannot provide live lessons.

I will write to you again with an update on our plans for dealing with the other strikes announced for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and your child's education.

Yours sincerely,



James Wilson  
Headteacher