

24th February 2023

Dear Parent/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 next day will be **Thursday 2nd March**.

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 9 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 10, 11, 12 and 13 will attend school as usual** and we will aim to run a normal school day and timetable. If we need to send groups of students home early, we will notify you as soon as possible. Catering will operate as usual.

We will also be inviting some individual younger students into 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 will be able to supervise their children in school for the day. Please email schooloffice@baconscollege.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 15th and 16th March.

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

Yours sincerely,



James Wilson
Principal