

28<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may have heard or read in the news, the National Education Union (NEU) has voted in favour of more industrial action over the coming weeks. As such, two further strike dates have been announced for the 5th July and the 7th July, next week.

Can I apologise in advance for any disruption that this action may cause and reassure you that we are doing everything to minimise that disruption. At Budmouth we have a growing number of staff in the NEU as staff have joined this union in recent weeks. In situations like this, safety is our biggest priority and we will only arrange lessons in school where we can ensure a safe ratio of staff to students. As such, school leaders and those that volunteer to do so, will be taking cover lessons or providing larger group activities where pupils are in school but their teachers are out on strike during these days.

I am now in a position to explain how this strike may affect you and your child. It is worth noting that the following information concerns the industrial action taking place on both of the dates in question.

- **Year 8 and Year 9** will remain **at home** on **Wednesday 5th July**.
- Parents of students in Years 8 and 9 who are in receipt of free school meals (FSM) will receive a supermarket voucher by email on Tuesday 4th July.
- **Year 7 and Year 10** will remain **at home** on **Friday 7th July**.
- Parents of students in Years 7 and 10 who are in receipt of free school meals (FSM) will receive a supermarket voucher by email on Thursday the 6th of July.
- For younger students, specifically those in Year 7, day care could be offered to those pupils whose parents are concerned about supervision over this period.
- Online work (remote learning) will be provided for those at home on Google Classroom.

For students at home, remote lessons in English, Maths and Science will be posted on the year group 'Notices and Announcement' pages found in Google Classrooms. In order to complete the tasks, students will need to log into their school Google account and access the whole year group classroom where the tasks will be posted.

Should your child not have access to a device such as a computer or tablet, please let us know in advance of the strike and we will do our best to issue one beforehand so that they can access these lessons remotely. Please use this email address if this is the case: [kharris@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:kharris@budmouth-aspirations.org). Please use the same email address if you wish to make an enquiry regarding supervision for those students in Year 7 who may need it.

Please let us know if there are any concerns you have about what will happen during these two days. From talking to the other secondary Headteachers in the area, it seems that many schools are operating on a reduced year group basis for these days. We will also keep you posted on the potential impact of any further industrial action. The other unions, not just the NEU, will also be balloted over the possibility of future industrial action in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Hoffmann  
Principal