

22 February 2022

Dear families

Industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU)

As you are aware, one of the teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), is planning to continue strike action over the next couple of months. This is a national strike regarding a dispute between unions and the government over teachers' pay.

While we believe discussions are ongoing between unions and the government which could see some strikes cancelled, we have to make plans for 28 February on the assumption that action will be taken on that date.

Having considered the number of teachers at school who are members of the NEU, I have made the difficult decision to partially close the school on this date. School will remain open for Year 10, Year 11 and vulnerable students in other year groups. We will confirm directly with those families whose children will be able to attend school. Attendance for both Year 10, Year 11 and selected students in other year groups is compulsory.

Year 11 will finish school by 12:30pm following their mock examinations. They will have the opportunity to purchase food from school after their exam if they so wish.

Year 10 students will finish school at 3:10pm as normal. Many students in Year 10 will be taking part in controlled assessments that contributes to their final GCSEs, so attendance is essential.

We have decided to restrict access in this way to ensure that we can provide an appropriate level of supervision and ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of those in school.

For those children not in school, remote learning will be available on the school website (www.dixonsua.com) from 8am on Tuesday 28 February.

If there are changes to our plan for responding to the proposed industrial action, I will advise you as soon as possible. I will also write to you ahead of the proposed action on 15 and 16 March to confirm the arrangements for those days.

We wanted to communicate as soon as possible so you can plan accordingly. Thank you, as always, for your patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully



Ash Jacobs
Principal

