

March 2023

Dear Families

### **Industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU) and Staff Training Days**

As you are aware, one of the teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), is planning to undertake their final strike action this month. 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 Wednesday 15 March 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 and vulnerable students in other year groups. We will confirm directly with those families whose children will be able to attend school. Attendance for Year 10 and selected students in other year groups is compulsory.

Students in Year 10 will be taking part in controlled assessments that contribute 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](http://www.dixonsua.com)) from 8.00am on Wednesday 15 March.

In addition to the strike day on Wednesday 15 March I would like to remind you of the staff training days on Thursday 16 March and Friday 17 March. Students will return to school on Monday 20 March.

If your child accesses free school meals and you would like support during this time, please email [info@dixonsua.com](mailto:info@dixonsua.com) and we will organise this support.

Thank you, as always, for your patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Jacobs  
**Principal**

