

25th January 2023

Dear Parent and Carers

Strike Action

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, which will take place on **Wednesday 1st February 2023.**

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not specifically Pakefield High School, it is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of our students whilst respecting the rights of our staff.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be asked to **study remotely during strike days.** We are encouraging students to access online resources from the Oak National Academy for this day (https://www.thenational.academy/).

We will provide a **normal face to face onsite education for students in Year 11** as they are preparing for examinations. Break and lunch times will operate with appropriate supervision in place in the normal way for Year 11.

Any free school meal students not in Year 11 will be able to collect a packed lunch from 11.30 - 12.00 on the 1^{st} February from the canteen. If you require a meal for your child on that day, could you please <u>complete</u> this form so we can avoid food wastage.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. If the strike action is called off then we will confirm this as soon as we can and in this eventuality the school will be open as usual to all students.

The NEU has indicated that they will continue strike action for a further three days after this first strike on the **1**st **March and the 15th to 16th March.** Please make a note of these dates now and I will write to you in advance of each date to confirm any changes to arrangements and whether the strike is going ahead.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please contact us at info@pakefield.org.uk in the first instance. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Dan Bagshaw Head of School