



20th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU)

You will no doubt be aware of the announcement this week of industrial action by members of the NEU teaching union. A number of dates have been confirmed (see below), however these remain subject to change if there is any shift in national negotiations. Over half of Brittons teaching staff are members of the NEU and they are (by law) not required to inform me as their Principal whether or not they are striking. Consequently, it means that we will not know our exact staffing until the day of the strike and so have to plan accordingly. The Department of Education advice is to prioritise those students taking exams this year and those who may have additional needs or vulnerabilities.

The proposed dates are:

Wednesday 1st February 2023

Thursday 2nd March 2023

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Thursday 16th March 2023

We are in ongoing dialogue with union members. **We intend to communicate final details of what we can offer students for the first strike day, the 1st February, by the end of school on Tuesday of next week (24th January) so that parents have a week to adapt their plans accordingly.** It is likely that we will have onsite provision for Year 11 and for those with additional needs or vulnerabilities in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Remote learning will be provided as far as possible for students not able to attend but will not be 'live'.

At this stage, it is important to emphasise that these are provisional arrangements only and that final confirmation will be given on Tuesday 24th January.



These are difficult times for all involved and I know teachers are not taking this action lightly. However, we will do our best to provide the best options we can under the circumstances. **We will review and revise plans for each future strike day and will communicate those plans at least a week in advance.**

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

W Thompson.

MR. W. THOMPSON
Principal