



Sir Graham Balfour School

Member of Sir Graham Balfour Multi-Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers

At the time of writing this letter, the strikes scheduled for the 15th and 16th March in the trade dispute between the National Education Union (NEU) and the government will go ahead. The rest of this letter gives details of our arrangements for both days of the strike action. As ever, these arrangements are a pragmatic response to the impact that the strike action by our colleagues will have on each day.

Arrangements for Wednesday 15th March only

- School will be open for students in Year 7, Year 11 and Year 13 only.
- School will be closed for students in Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12. Students in these year groups should remain at home and they will be provided with remote learning or directed revision to complete on this day of the strike.
- School buses will run as usual for students in Year 7, Year 11 and Year 13. The school canteen will also be open as normal.
- All after school and lunchtime clubs will be cancelled.

Arrangements for Thursday 16th March only

- School will be open for students in Year 8, Year 10 and Year 12 only.
- School will be closed for students in Year 7, Year 9, Year 11 and Year 13. Students in these year groups should remain at home and they will be provided with remote learning or directed revision to complete on this day of the strike.
- School buses will run as usual for students in Year 8, Year 10 and Year 12. The school canteen will also be open as normal.
- All after school and lunchtime clubs will be cancelled.

We all need to see an end to this dispute and I hope that the government and the unions can reach an agreement to address the issues. If the situation changes over the weekend, then I will be in touch with any updates to our arrangements.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Mason
Headteacher