



St Andrew the Apostle

Greek Orthodox School

27 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Teacher Industrial Action – Wednesday 1 February 2023

You may be aware from media coverage that the largest teaching union, NEU, has declared strike action, which will take place on 1 February, 2, 15 and 16 March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and un-costed pay rises that have impacted on school budgets, and not because of any issues at St Andrew the Apostle School.

I am sorry to inform you that for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12, the school site will be closed on Wednesday 1 February. If you are a parent of a child in these year groups, please do not send your child into school on this day.

Students in Years 11 and 13 must attend school and arrive by 8.30am as usual.

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and feel that we would be unable to provide safe supervision with the staff we may have available. For your information, staff do not need to inform school until the day of the strike when they are taking action, so schools will only be able to assess staffing on the day. We will be able to open safely for Year 11 and Year 13.

On Wednesday 1 February, for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12, we will provide remote teaching via Microsoft Teams for the lessons where your child's subject teacher is not striking and is, therefore, in school. It will not be possible to provide a teacher for every lesson that day due to the number of teachers who will be taking industrial action. There will be no tutor time for students working from home and in this time, between 8.30am to 8.55am, subject teachers present that day will set their lessons in Microsoft Teams, so your child can check which live lessons will be taking place. Please see attached PDF for students for online learning support and expectations.

For those lessons where teachers are not present in school, students can use our online curriculum:

- <https://www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk/curriculum-ks3>
- <https://www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk/curriculum-ks4>
- Students can self-direct their learning on the theme on the online curriculum, ensuring they learn the key words and their definitions.

Students can also work on the following:

English	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z3kw2hv (KS3); https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zr9d7ty (KS4)
Maths	Dr Frost Maths website (KS3 and KS4)
Science	Science A Level, GCSE, KS3 & KS2 (senecalearning.com) https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p (KS3); https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrkw2hv (KS4) Science quizzes will also be set on Bromcom.
RP	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zh3rkqt (KS3); https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zb48q6f (KS4)
PSHE	Lesson set on Bromcom (KS3 and KS4)
Y10 and Y12	Any NEA or coursework that students are working on



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If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we will provide you with a meal voucher.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating.

Future strike days will be reviewed nearer the time, and we will keep you updated.

If you have any questions, please contact the school using the usual channels.

We look forward to having all students back at school in full school uniform at 8.30am on Thursday 2 February 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Headteacher