

23rd February 2023

Industrial Action: Thursday 2nd March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you enjoyed a restful half-term.

In January, the National Education Union (NEU) announced a series of days of industrial action across England and Wales, following a successful ballot of their members. You will remember that this planned action, on **Thursday 2nd March**, is due to a dispute with the government over school funding, pay and conditions.

Unfortunately, at the time of writing, limited progress has been made in the dispute and as a result, it looks highly likely that industrial action will go ahead as planned.

Therefore, I am writing to update you on the arrangements which will be in place on Thursday 2nd March. As previously, given the large proportion of our teaching staff (83%) who are eligible to strike, we can only make a limited offer to our students.

As a result, school will be open to the following students only:

- Vulnerable Children (i.e. those with an EHCP or receiving support from Social Services) – The school will contact you directly if this applies to your child
- Students in Y11 and Y13 – School facilities will be available for supervised study

The school will be closed to all other children. However, work will be uploaded to Google Classrooms for all children, in all year groups.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating and am sorry that you have to make alternative arrangements for your child. Please be assured, as always, that Bow School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment, delivering high-quality teaching exciting and engaging learning opportunities for all of our young people.

I continue to work closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please contact enquiry@bow-school.org.uk

Yours Sincerely,



Mr D Lye
Headteacher