

April 2023

Dear families

Industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU)

As some of you may be aware, one of the teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), is planning further strike action over the next three weeks. This is national action, taken by the NEU as part of a dispute between unions and the government over teachers' pay.

The NEU has given notice to us that strikes will impact Dixons Trinity Academy on 27 April and 2 May 2023.

Whilst we believe discussions are ongoing between unions and the government which could see some strikes cancelled, we have to make plans on the assumption that action will be taken on the dates mentioned.

Having considered the number of teachers at school who are members of the NEU, I have made the difficult decision to partially close the school on this date. School will remain open for Year 11 and to those children who need enhanced support or who are children of critical workers or students. We will confirm directly with those families whose children will be able to attend school. It is vital that 100% of our Year 11 students attend the academy on these days as they have important examinations and preparations for those to complete.

We have decided to restrict access in this way to ensure that we can provide an appropriate level of supervision and ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of those in school.

For those children not in school, work completion documents will be sent home with students the day before and instructions sent to families by text.

If there are changes to our plan for responding to the proposed industrial action, I will advise you as soon as possible.

We wanted to communicate as soon as possible so you can plan accordingly. Thank you, as always, for your patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Emma Steele
Principal

