

24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware the National Education Union have declared strike action for teaching staff, the second day of which will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teaching staff pay and conditions as well as, the absence of any funding to schools to pay for existing standards of living increase. The industrial action is at a national level and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm sorry to inform you that Fareham Academy will be partially closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. The school will be closed to all students except Year 11. Year 11 will attend as normal and will sit both of their Mock (PPE) examinations and be dismissed after lunch at 13:40.

We have not taken this decision lightly and have sought all other suitable alternatives. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available.

As the school is officially closed to those students in years 7 – 10, their overall attendance will not be affected in any way. A provision for remote education will be provided on our learning platform Google Classroom. For lessons unaffected by the industrial action they will have a 'live' lesson or learning content will be provided for the timetabled hour, along with the staff members support via discussion on the platform or email. Where a staff member is on strike, independent learning activities will be provided.

If your child is in receipt of a Free School Meal and you would like a packed lunch reserved for them, then please complete the linked form [here](#). The lunches will be available for collection from reception at lunch time and after the school day until 15:30.

If your child has an Education Health and Care Plan and you feel they would be best supported in school, please contact [c.collins@fareham-academy.co.uk](mailto:c.collins@fareham-academy.co.uk) and we will make an assessment of whether we can meet their needs safely.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements again for your child at short notice and that they will experience disruption to their education. I would like to reassure you that we will inform you as soon as possible if any arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please contact [enquires@fareham-academy.co.uk](mailto:enquires@fareham-academy.co.uk)

Yours faithfully



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