

Dear Parent/Carer

Wednesday 26th January 2023

Industrial Action by the National Education Union (NEU)

I would like to remind all parents/carers that the dispute is with the government and the NEU are campaigning for improved school funding, erosion of educators' pay and the subsequent difficulties this causes for recruitment, especially in shortage subjects. A number of our teachers will be striking, alongside their colleagues nationally.

Although we have tried to keep disruption to a minimum, our first consideration has to be students' safety and wellbeing. As a result, we have to reduce the numbers of students on site, to ensure we can supervise them safely.

Please see the arrangements below for **Wednesday 1st February**.

- Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 will attend college as normal. Attendance is compulsory for these students.
- Year 9 will remain at home. Some staff may be able to set work, however striking staff will not.
- We will offer places for our SEND and vulnerable students in Year 9.

If you have a child in Year 9 with SEND and would like them to attend college on Wednesday 1st February, please email Mr G Wadsworth greg.wadsworth@sharemat.co.uk by 12pm on Monday 30th January.

Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 will follow their normal timetable as far as possible, however we may need to make some changes to their usual lessons.

Please note we have made every effort to plan for the day but teachers are not required to tell us if they are striking and our plans may be subject to last-minute changes. We will do our very best to minimise any impact on your child.

Things can change quickly during a period of industrial action and we will do everything we can to keep you updated. We will share plans for the next planned strike, due to take place Tuesday 28th February after half term.

I can confirm that Year 9 will not be sent home again on this day, however we will probably have to send home a different year group. Will do everything we can to avoid sending Year 11 and 13 home.

Finally, we will need to make a change to Year 10 Parents' Evenings. 10LM will remain on Thursday 23rd March, however 10JK will move from Thursday 16th to Thursday 30th March.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Regards

Mr D Wadsworth