

21st February 2023

Industrial Action by the National Education Union (NEU)

Dear Parent/Carer,

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 **Tuesday 28th February**.

- Year 9, 11 & 13 will attend college as normal. Attendance is compulsory for these students.
- Year 10 will remain at home. Some staff may be able to set work, however striking staff will not.
- Year 12 are welcome to attend and work in the Sixth Form building. Unfortunately, we will not be able to run their normal timetabled lessons.
- We will offer places for our SEND and vulnerable students in Year 10 & 12.

If you have a child in Year 10 or 12 with SEND and would like them to attend college on Tuesday 28th February, please email Mr G Wadsworth greg.wadsworth@sharemat.co.uk by 9am on Monday 27th February.

Year 9, 11 & 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.



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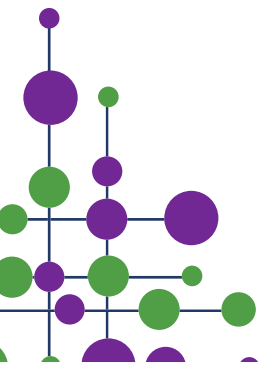
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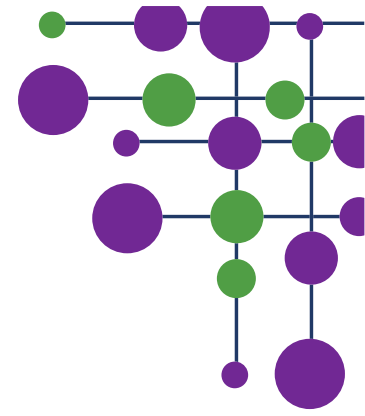


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Things can change quickly during a period of industrial action and we will do everything we can to keep you updated. We will share plans for the next planned strikes, due to take place on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Regards

Mr D Wadsworth
Principal