

21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen in the news this week that teacher members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to strike again. This is in response to an ongoing national dispute with the government over pay and conditions, not our school or multi-academy trust. Our local relationships remain strong and positive and we continue to work closely with our unions to support our employees – both teaching and all other professional staff in all aspects of their employment. You can find further information about the strikes and NEU's motivation on their website. The strikes in our region will be taking place on:

Thursday 27th April

Tuesday 2nd May

As members of teaching staff who are taking part in the strike action are not required to let their school know in advance, it makes it difficult for us to judge the impact this action will have on our school. To support our children, and in line with Department for Education Guidance, we are doing our very best to keep our school open for as many children as possible.

These are the arrangements for each of the strike days:

Arrangements for Thursday 27th April

Students who should attend school as normal: Year 9, 11, 12 & 13

Students who will stay at home and complete home learning: Year 7, 8 & 10

Arrangements for Tuesday 2nd May

Students who should attend school as normal: Year 8, 11, 12 & 13

Students who will stay at home and complete home learning: Year 7, 9 & 10

Vulnerable students

All children deemed vulnerable according to the Department for Education's definition should attend school on these strike days. Appendix A - Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings October 2022 (publishing.service.gov.uk). **We will contact each family/carer of children to whom this applies to make sure they are aware and will be attending.**

Home learning

Children in year groups who will be working at home should access the learning set for them by their teachers. This will be contained within a work booklet so no resources will be required aside from usual classroom stationery. The booklets will be given out in tutor time on the day before the strike day, and additional packs will be available from reception for any students who are absent from school the day they are handed out.

Students entitled to Free School Meals

All children entitled to receive a Free School Meal will be able to collect a packed lunch from reception on the days of the strike. If you would like to collect a packed lunch, please complete the form which will be sent to those eligible for a free school meal in the affected year groups later today.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. I hope you can see we are trying our best to provide education for the day despite the strike action.

If you have any further questions, please contact enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Reynolds', written in a cursive style.

Mrs A Reynolds
Principal