

27<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen in the news recently that teaching staff who are 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:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

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 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:**

Students who should attend school as normal: Year 9, 10, and 12

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

The Year 9 Alton Towers trip is still going ahead as planned. All students who are not taking part in this trip are expected to attend school, if students are absent, contact will be made with parents/carers.

#### **Arrangements for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Students who should attend school as normal: Year 8, 10, and 12

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

#### **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 vary for each year group and further details will be given to students and parents/carers next week.

#### **Students entitled to Free School Meals**

All children entitled to receive a Free School Meal will be able to collect a meal from reception on the days of the strike. This will be in the form of a packed lunch which can be collected from reception. If you would like to place an

order for 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](mailto: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