

10th March 2023

## National Strike Action - 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents / Carers,

Further to my previous letters regarding the impact of the NEU strike action on school, I am able to provide an update regarding the plan for the next two days of national and regional strike action on Wednesday  $15^{th}$  and Thursday  $16^{th}$  March.

We have undertaken a risk assessment for the school to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils. The trust, and I, feel it necessary to partially close the school. Accordingly, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, the school will only be open for children in Years 10, 11, and Sixth Form. We have selected these year groups to prioritise support for upcoming external exams and assessments. Pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 will not attend school on these days.

We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause; however, it is hoped that a clearly communicated decision will enable you to make appropriate plans.

Remote learning is available for children not attending school that day. All of these resources are located on Stella – our digital learning resources library. Pupils can use their iPad to access Stella via the school website or by clicking on the link in their Nether Stowe Community Class in Showbie. The link is in the key documents assignment.

Stella is a secure site and can only be accessed with a username (school email address) and password (the same password for accessing email). Please check your child has these details and encourage them to visit the IT Technicians at break or lunchtime if they have forgotten their password. If you experience any problems accessing the resources, please contact: <a href="ITAdvice@atlp.org.uk">ITAdvice@atlp.org.uk</a>. When emailing, please remember to state the school name, full pupil name as well as the nature of the problem.

If there are any developments at a national level, and if strike action in schools is averted, you will be notified through our usual school communication channels.

It is with regret that I must inform you of these circumstances and I thank you for your continued engagement with myself and the senior leadership team during this period of national strike action.

Please be assured the wellbeing and safety of our students remain our priority.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Langston-Jones **Headteacher**