

# THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents /Carers

## **Re: Strike Action**

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching members of The National Education Union (NEU) have voted for strike action. There are scheduled to be four days of strike action, the first of which is on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

The action will have a significant impact on the number of teaching staff in school that day, and so I have to assess whether it is safe to open the site as normal. Teachers are not required to give pre-warning of their decision to strike, so I have based my decision on the number of colleagues we have who are members of the NEU and so entitled to take strike action. I have completed a risk assessment using this figure and have concluded that we are unable to safely cover all lessons with this number of staff absent.

As a result, we will limit site attendance on 1st February as follows:

- Sixth form students will attend normal lessons where this is possible and complete independent study if their teacher is absent.
- Year 11 students sitting the BTEC ICT examination should attend as planned at 8.45am for a 9am start. They will be asked to return home after the examination has finished and to complete remote learning for the remainder of the day
- Vulnerable students (EHCP; those currently open to social care; young carers and LAC/PLAC and adopted students) will have access to ICT equipment on site to access the online provision. If you believe that your child is in this category and have not received contact by Monday 30th January, please email [enquiries@arnewood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@arnewood.hants.sch.uk)

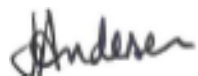
All other children will receive their learning remotely on this day through Firefly. We will be working with students to ensure that they understand how to access the work. More details regarding the remote provision will be issued in due course. Please note that the scheduled Year 10 English and German examinations will now take place on 2nd February.

All clubs and activities before and after school will be cancelled.



On a national level, negotiations are taking place with the government and the dispute may be resolved in time to avert strike action. If this is the case then 1st February will be a normal school day. If strike action does go ahead, we will reassess our response after each strike day. The arrangement for subsequent strike days may be different from 1st February following this assessment.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anderson'.

Mr J Anderson  
Headteacher