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Working Together - Shaping Tomorrow

28th June 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: NEU Strike Action 5th and 7th July 2023

The National Education Union (NEU) has provided confirmation that there will be further industrial action on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for next week.

I have been advised that we have more than 40 teachers who are members of the NEU and may decide to take strike action next week, which represents approximately 50% of our teaching staff. The union does not have to provide the names of individual members to the school. Individual NEU members do not have to tell us which union they are a member of, or whether or not they personally intend to take part in strike action. The decision is further complicated by our planned transition day for Year 6 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Our experience of the previous strike days and the level of staffing we had available have confirmed that the decision to restrict attendance on site was the correct one. As a result, attendance on site on 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July will be as follows:

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

- Year 7 and Year 12 students will attend normal lessons where this is possible and complete independent study if their teacher is absent.
- Year 7 students are to report to the Hall and will be supervised in computer rooms where teachers are not available to take lessons.
- Year 10 students who have work experience in school should attend as normal.
- Year 8 and Year 9 students will not be in school and will receive their learning remotely through Firefly.

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

- Year 12 students will attend normal lessons where this is possible and complete independent study if their teacher is absent.
- Year 10 students who have work experience in school should attend as normal.
- Year 7, 8 and Year 9 students will not be in school and will receive their learning remotely through Firefly.
- Computer rooms will not be available on this day due to transition activities taking place on site.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, please email enquiries@arnewood.hants.sch.uk.

Thank you for enabling your child(ren) to access their learning remotely during the six strike days that we have had so far this year.

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

Yours faithfully

Mr J Anderson Headteacher

