

## Information update for parents and families

### Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School & Sixth Form College

**The NEU have announced two more days of strike action as part of their on-going dispute with the government over teachers' pay.**

The NEU teachers union have announced two further days of strike action that will impact our school. The two days that affect our school are:

- 1. Thursday 27th April 2023**
- 2. Tuesday 2nd May 2023**

In a change from the NEU stance, there is now an arrangement in place (dispensation) that enables Headteachers to ask teachers in the NEU to come into school to support Year 11 and 13 students as they prepare for their national examinations. Teachers who have lessons timetabled to teach students in these two year groups may decide to deliver their normal lessons even if they are taking strike action. This only applies to the two year groups and teachers willing to do this will not be available at any other part of the day.

With this in mind, we will run as normal a timetable as possible for all Year 11 and Year 13 students who in this half term are engaged in examination preparation.

- In the main school **year 11 students ONLY**, should attend school as normal on both days.
- **For year groups 7,8,9 and 10**, school will be closed to all students for both strike days. Students will access remote learning online.
- **Sixth Form College** will be open as normal on both days for year 13 students with year 12 students expected to study at home.

We intend to continue to implement a risk based approach to managing our school's response to all of the current and future strikes. The safety of our school community remains our priority as we continue to re-evaluate the situation ahead of each strike day.

We understand completely how difficult it can be for families to make alternative arrangements and the impact on learning when schools are closed. We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this will cause. This is however a national dispute between the government and the teaching unions, not about any issues at our school.

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