



27 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on:

- **Wednesday 1 February 2023**
- **Thursday 2 March 2023**
- **Wednesday 15 March 2023**
- **Thursday 16 March 2023**

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for the first proposed strike day on **Wednesday 1st February**.

We recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates. Parents or carers who are critical workers (whose work is critical to an emergency response) and would not be able to make alternative arrangements are asked to notify us by emailing emily.tudor@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk

We are able to make provision for students on Wednesday 1st Feb 2023 as follows:

Digital Information Technology GCSE Examination on Wednesday 1st Feb 2023 **Public Exam for 11 Year 11 students must attend at 8.20am**. They will complete their exam and then return home at the end of the exam to complete further revision for their PPE. There is a Walking Talking Mock exam already booked for Tuesday 31st January which will help to prepare the students for the examination. A free breakfast will be provided by the Academy for these students at 8.20am; the school gate will open at 8am.

Non BTEC DIT Exam Students in Year 11 -Year 11 who are **NOT** sitting the Public Exam on Wednesday 1st February will complete PPE revision in preparation for the upcoming Mock 2 at home.

Year 10, 9 and 8 will have remote learning set for them via their year group Google Classroom by Ms Tudor, Vice Principal.

Year 7 - All students in Year 7 are expected to attend the Academy from 8.20am – 3.10pm in full school uniform. Lunch will be served in the canteen as usual.

For students in Years 8, 9 and 10, provision where parents/carers are critical workers (whose work is critical to emergency response) and would not be able to make alternative arrangements, will be able to complete the work set for their year group in school under supervision. This arrangement will also be provided for students who are vulnerable.

All students who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch to take home with them on Tuesday 31st January (the day before the strike action).



We are sorry that some of you may have to make alternative arrangements for your child and/or experience disruption to their education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

St Paul's Academy remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Ward', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Ward
Principal