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Dear Parent/Carer

Principal: Mrs N Walker

STRIKE ACTION AND ACADEMY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS IN YEAR 8,9 and 10

Further to my communications on Friday 20 January 2023 advising of the National Education Union (NEU) declared strike action, which will take place initially on **Wednesday 1 February 2023** with three further dates proposed for later in February and March of this year. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the union and the government regarding teachers' pay and conditions nationally, and not because of any issues at our academy.

I am getting in touch to confirm the arrangements for pupils on that day. All academy arrangements have been made in light of a comprehensive risk assessment.

Pupils in Years 8,9 & 10

Pupils in these year groups will be asked to remain at home on Wednesday 1 February and are expected to work remotely using Microsoft Teams and SharePoint, as they have done in previous years.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, is not attending the academy and requires a meal on Wednesday 1 February, please complete the Microsoft form below and we can facilitate this onsite.

[Free School Meals – 1 February 2023](#)

Pupils in Year 7 & 11 and pupils of key workers

- Should arrive at the academy for 9:00am in full academy uniform and equipped for learning as normal
- The school day for all pupils will end at 2:45pm. Yr11 Recovery Curriculum (P7) will be suspended for Wednesday only

Parents/carers who are key workers and have not yet completed the Microsoft form to request a place on Wednesday 1 February, have until 3:00pm on Monday 30 January 2023 to complete the [form](#).

Parents/carers of children in receipt of EHCPs will be contacted separately to determine whether you wish for your child to attend our priority group provision.

I would like to thank all of our parents for supporting our pupils to engage in the remote learning set in Microsoft Teams and SharePoint. We very much believe that this offers our pupils the best learning experience we can in the very difficult circumstances we face. All pupils have been given the appropriate guidance on using Microsoft Teams and

SharePoint this half term and further information is available via our pupils' SharePoint platform.

Access to Remote Education

Each year group will be able to access 5 lessons, including English, Maths and Science via Pupil SharePoint.

Each lesson provided will include a short video outlining the learning for the lesson and any assisted tasks or resources for that hour.

If there are any barriers to your child accessing IT or Microsoft Teams please contact the Academy for further support on techsupport@accordmat.org

Whilst this matter is out of our immediate control, we do appreciate that this may be frustrating for some parents and carers, and we can only apologise for the disruption that caused.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support, please rest assured that we will be working to ensure the best possible provision on any of the days affected by strike action, whilst always ensuring the safety of pupils.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs N Walker
Principal