



# REDHILL SCHOOL

16<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parent Carer

Hello, I hope you're well and looking forward to the half term break.

On Wednesday March 1st the National Education Union are planning to take another day of industrial action. This date is the second of four dates of planned strike action.

I have carried out my risk assessment and I am in a position where I can open the school to Year 11 students in a safe manner. There may be some lessons where Year 11 students will be supervised whilst carrying out their independent revision, however I am hopeful that I can provide a meaningful day of learning in preparation for the year groups GCSE examinations.

It is with deep regret, that at this moment, I am still not able to open the school to other year groups. It is a decision that I have not taken lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils. We have a significant number of staff who may be taking industrial action and following my risk assessment, opening the school to all students could be unsafe.

The provision for Years 7-10 will be online learning via our Google platform. We will work with your child over the next few days to ensure that they are ready and available to access these learning opportunities. If your child is due to be taught by a member of staff taking industrial action, then we will not be able to offer them learning for their timetabled lesson. I am very sorry for this.

As we are opening the school to Year 11, we are unable to offer space for any students from any other year group. We will be deploying our staff to supervise those Year 11 students in school.

For those students eligible for a free school meal, we will contact parents via a Google form so you can book a meal to be taken home on Tuesday after school.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation will be frustrating for you. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the union and the government over funding for schools and teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school or in our Trust.

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The NEU has balloted for four days of industrial action. At this moment I am not able to comment on the provision for the other proposed strike days. I will communicate this with you in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J Clayton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr J Clayton  
Headteacher



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