



Friday, 24 February 2023

Dear parents/carers,

NEU Strike Action: Thursday 2 March 2023

As you may be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) industrial action continues next week with NEU members taking strike action on Thursday, 2 March 2023. This will lead to school closures across the country. Please be reminded that the strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not because of any issues at our school. I have attached an NEU flyer that outlines the reasons for the strike.

I'm getting in touch to give you notice about our arrangements for Thursday, 2 March here at TSS:

Only students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will attend lessons in school. School will be shut for students in all other year groups on that day. However, students who fall into the following categories are invited in to school:

- Students with social workers
- Students in care
- Students with an EHCP

For students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who are not in school, teachers will be setting work via the Google Classroom. However, I cannot ask striking staff to set work, nor can I ask them to upload materials to Google Classroom. Therefore, for some subjects, there will be no work available. If your child is unable to access Google Classroom at home, please contact your child's Head of Year as soon as possible.

For all students who receive a free school meal, lunch will be available for collection from the school reception from 10.00am onwards. I am afraid that we are unable to deliver the lunches for students who live further away. However, if this is a problem for you, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Travel Masters will be in touch with regards to the buses to and from school on Thursday. For students in school, lessons will start and end at the same time as usual.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and/or that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation

may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. The Sittingbourne School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils 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.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Head of Year through the following email addresses:

Year 7: tss-pastoral-yr7@swale.at

Year 8: tss-pastoral-yr8@swale.at

Year 9: tss-pastoral-yr9@swale.at

Year 10: tss-pastoral-yr10@swale.at

Year 11: tss-pastoral-yr11@swale.at

Sixth form: tss-sixthform@swale.at

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Smith'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N' and a smaller 'S'.

Mr N Smith
Headteacher