



Ref: NEU Industrial action - 15th & 16th March 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, one of the national teaching unions, the NEU, are planning a two-day nationwide strike on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.

As these are national strikes, we are anticipating that a large number of teaching staff are going to participate in these strikes. As such, we are going to have to reduce the number of students we have onsite in order to ensure we can supervise the students we have present on those two days. As per the previous strike, **the academy will be open for the following students only:**

- Vulnerable children or the parents of key workers- if a school place is needed
- Year 11 students- all of whom must attend for a full day of school
- Year 13 students- all of whom must attend for a full day of school

The school will be closed to all other students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12.

We will keep the school open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. If your child is in either of those categories, and you need to send them to school on Wednesday and/or Thursday of next week, please notify Ms Morson at J.Morson1@arkacton.org. Government guidance on who qualifies as a critical worker can be found in Annex B [here](#). However, we have limited capacity for pupils of critical workers. We therefore ask that if care can be provided at home by another family member who is not a critical worker, then you do not send your child to school.

We will set work for the two days for all students on Show My Homework.

Year 11 and Year 13 students will have a detailed schedule of revision and lessons based on their mock exams and so it is vital that all students in these two year groups attend school normally on the two strike days. Students should ensure they have their school books with them to ensure they can fully participate in the lessons.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours,

Oliver Knight
Principal