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February 2023

**ALL PARENTS/CARERS**



Dear Parent/Carer

**Proposed Strike Action - Wednesday 1st March 2023 - School Closure Notification for Years 8, 9 & 10 ONLY**

As you will probably be aware, members of the teachers' union the NEU have called a further one-day national strike on **Wednesday 1st March 2023**. I am writing to inform you that due to the significant number of teachers at Dormston in the NEU, **school will be closed to students in Years 8, 9 and 10 on this day.**

**Years 7 and 11 will need to attend school as normal. Planned Year 11 Mock Exams will run as usual but Year 11 students will be dismissed from the school site following the completion of their final exam on that day. A GroupCall confirming times will be sent to Year 11 parents/carers on Monday 27 February 2023.**

As things stand, there are additional strike days planned by the NEU on:

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023;
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

There are on-going negotiations between unions and the government and therefore arrangements in school for each planned strike day may differ. I will notify you of arrangements for these dates nearer the time.

As Headteacher, I never want to be in a situation to close the school but I have reluctantly taken the decision to only open to Years 7 and 11 on Health and Safety grounds.

We will be providing support for students with a social worker and/or an EHCP in school if required. Please inform [info@dormston.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@dormston.dudley.sch.uk) by 3.00pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 if you require this support so that arrangements can be made. Please put 'Support 1st March 2023' in the subject of any email.

There will be work available for students where possible on GO4Schools but there will be no live lessons.

I am hopeful that informing you of the schools' closure will give you sufficient time to make any necessary childcare arrangements. Should the strike be called off, I will inform you immediately.

If your child normally receives a free school meal, a "grab bag" can be collected from Main Reception at 10.00am on Wednesday 1st March 2023. If you require this service please complete your request by emailing [info@dormston.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@dormston.dudley.sch.uk) by 3.00pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Please put 'Support 1st March 2023' in the subject of any email.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Sutton  
Headteacher**

