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March 2023

ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

Proposed Strike Action - Wednesday 15 March & Thursday 16 March 2023 - School Closure Notification

As you will probably be aware, members of the teachers' union the NEU have called a further two-day national strike on **Wednesday 15 March 2023 & Thursday 16 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 certain year groups:**

- **Wednesday 15 March 2023 - School open to Year 9 ONLY & Specific Year 11 GCSE Food Students;**
- **Thursday 16 March 2023 - School open to Year 8 ONLY & Specific Year 11 GCSE Food Students.**

Year 11 GCSE Food Students - Year 11 GCSE Food Students know which date they are required to be in school and will be dismissed once their exam has finished.

Year 10 Work Experience - Year 10 students should continue with their Work Experience Placements as planned on these days. Those who have NOT secured a placement do NOT need to attend Dormston School on either Wednesday 15 March 2023 or Thursday 16 March 2023. If your child is at a Primary School on a WEX placement please be directed by the placement school with regards to your child's attendance on these days.

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 any future 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 on Health and Safety grounds.

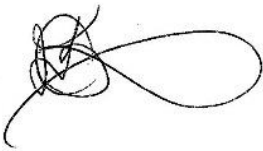
We will be providing support for students with a social worker and/or an EHCP in school if required. Please inform info@dormston.dudley.sch.uk by 3.00pm on Monday 13th March 2023 if you require this support so that arrangements can be made. Please put 'Support 15 & 16 March 2023' in the subject of any email.

If your child normally receives a free school meal, a "grab bag" can be collected from Main Reception at 10.00am on Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 March 2023. If you require this service please complete your request by emailing info@dormston.dudley.sch.uk by 3.00pm on Monday 13 March 2023. Please put 'Support 15 & 16 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.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

