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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware from media coverage and from previous communication that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, which will take place on **Wednesday 1st February, 2023**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions and not because of any issues at our school.

I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for next week, **Wednesday 1st February**, so that you are aware of the details.

After concluding a survey amongst our staff, we are now in position to have a rough estimate of numbers who will take industrial action and will therefore not be in school that day. For TKASA, this means that we are unable to open the school safely for all year groups. Therefore, the following will apply on the day:

- **The school will be open for the following year groups on the normal school day timings - 8.25am to 3.10pm**
- Years 7 and 13 **only** will be invited into school for the day and **we request that students in Year 7 wear their PE kit instead of normal school uniform.** Also, some of our most vulnerable students from all year groups will also be invited to attend school that day. The parents/carers of these students will be contacted separately prior to Wednesday 1st Feb.
- **Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 will have to remain home for the day.**
- Learning arrangements will be as follows:
  - Year 7 students should arrive in school from 08:25 as normal and will report to the canteen. They will then follow an adapted curriculum throughout the day delivered and supervised by the staff in school. However, please ensure that your child brings their Knowledge Organiser to school for the day.
  - Year 13 students are encouraged to come into school that day at 08.25 as normal and will report to the Sixth Form Centre. Where possible they will follow their normal timetabled lessons unless their teacher is not present in school where they can then work on independent study and PPE revision, with supervised support from staff, based in the Sixth Form Centre throughout the day. **It is vitally important that Year 13 students studying Geography and History are in school that day as they will be sitting their PPE as per the PPE timetable.**
  - Year 8 and 9 students are not in school and will be required to work from home using their Knowledge Organisers and are requested to complete work from the book related to the five subjects they would have had that day, using their normal homework strategies.

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- Year 10 and 11 students are not in school and will be required to access and work on revision material from platforms such as Tassomai, Seneca Learning and Sparx Maths.
- Year 12 students are not in school and will be required to work independently from home for the day using their normal A level subject materials.
- The kitchen will be open as normal for students in school to receive their meal.

**All students entitled to a free school meal will receive them as usual and students in Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 can come into school between 1.10-1.30pm to receive their meal should they wish to. Students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 do not have to wear their uniform to come into school to receive their free school meal.**

- Any breakfast clubs or after school activities will be cancelled for the day.
- The school bus and any other forms of transport will be available as normal.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice and 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. TKASA remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students 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 do have any questions, please contact the school on [info@tkasa.org.uk](mailto:info@tkasa.org.uk) or by phoning 01278784881.

Many thanks for your continuous support with this matter,

Kind regards,

Yours faithfully



Dan Milford  
Principal