



# Anthony Gell School

26 January 2023

Dear parents/carers,

## Teachers' Strike: 1 February 2023

You are likely to be aware that one of the largest teaching unions in England, the NEU, have asked their members to take strike action on four specified days in February and March. The first of these national days of industrial action is planned for next Wednesday (1 February).

My priority on days of industrial action will continue to be providing the best education we can for every young person and helping to keep children/young people safe. To achieve this, I will need to review the staffing we have available to us on each of the days. I am able to provide the following detail, based on the information I currently have. If there is any change to that shown below, I will be back in touch with a further update.

In order to remain fully open to all students on 1 February, we will need to reorganise parts of the day for some students. Students will access learning in a variety of ways and we will continue to provide care and support for students in school. Most students' lessons will be unaffected by the industrial action and they will be taught by their usual teachers in the rooms they are timetabled to be in. For others, there may be some changes to their normal timetable during some parts of the day.

**Students in all year groups at AGS should therefore attend school as normal on 1 February.** They should bring with them the books and kit they will need for their lessons that day, their log-ins for the various online learning platforms we use in school, and any homework/revision tasks they may also have on their 'to-do lists'. Most lessons will run as normal. For some lessons, students will be grouped differently and perhaps in a different room to the one they are used to. The planned content of some lessons may have to be changed and there may be time for some supervised independent study, hence the idea of bringing any homework that needs to be completed.

Lunch and break services will run as normal, including provision for students who are entitled to a free school meal. Buses will collect and drop-off at the usual times.

Each school will be affected differently by any industrial action, depending on the proportion of staff in the school who are members of the Trade Union(s) who are taking action on that day. We will therefore carefully consider our staffing prior to each of the days of future industrial action and respond accordingly. We may, on some days, have to close or partially close as a result of industrial action but this would always be a last resort. I will of course keep you informed and try to give you as much notice as possible.

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Headteacher: Malcolm Kelly

Thank you for your continued support and your understanding.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm Kelly', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Malcolm Kelly**  
**Headteacher**