



Anthony Gell School

17 February 2023

Dear parents/carers,

1st March Strike Action by the NEU

Firstly, thank you for your support which has helped this half term to be another successful one for students at AGS.

You may be aware that the second day of industrial action which will impact on schools in the East Midlands is Wednesday 1 March. This is the first Wednesday after we return from our half-term break.

We have members of staff who are part of the NEU, the teachers' Union which is taking the industrial action on 1 March. There will therefore be some AGS staff who will be on strike on that day.

With the information I currently have, I am pleased to say that we will be able to support this industrial action and keep the school open to students. It looks like **Year 10 lessons will have to be online and Year 10**, other than a few individuals with specific additional needs, will not be in school on 1 March. This year group responded very well to the last day of industrial action and we were pleased to see them logging on and having live lessons when their teacher was available to facilitate this. We will do this the same as we did last time for these students. This will include the offer of a free school meal for any who are entitled to one and who want to collect it from school on 1 March.

Students in all other year groups should attend school as normal on 1 March. There may be times when they are in school that their usual teacher will not be there, so they should come prepared for some independent study. Most lessons will run as normal. The exact content of an individual student's day will depend on the teachers they were due to have on that day. The students who were in school on 1 February, the last day of industrial action, responded brilliantly to this.

If things change between now and 1 March, I will be back in touch with an update.

In the meantime, I hope families have a great week next week and we look forward to seeing all students again on **Monday 27 February**.

Best wishes,

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