



Anthony Gell School

Monday 13th March 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Strike Action Wednesday and Thursday

Firstly, before I update you regarding the strike action, I would like to thank you for your fantastic support and understanding during the disruption caused by snow at the end of last week. The response by the school community was excellent and I was pleased to be able to balance the safety of students whilst still providing lessons for all, giving some students the chance to successfully complete an important exam, and hopefully still giving a little time for some enjoyment in the snow.

I alerted you to the next two days of national industrial action by many in the teaching profession, when I wrote to you last week. The National Education Union (NEU) have identified 15th and 16th of March as two further days of industrial action. Several of our colleagues at AGS are members of the NEU and will support the national dispute by striking on one or both of these days.

We will, as on previous days of industrial action, seek to provide onsite learning for as many students as possible, whilst being able to maintain necessary levels of supervision. Some students will be required to work from home on both days and students who are in school may have some changes to their normal lessons. As before, there will be students for whom their learning will continue as normal. All students who are in school should bring work such as homework or revision, or have a reading book with them.

On **Wednesday 15th March** students in **Years 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13** should attend lessons here at AGS. Students in **Years 9 and 10** will be expected to log onto lessons provided by their teachers via **Microsoft Teams**.

On **Thursday 16th March**, students in **Years 7, 9, 11, 12 and 13** should attend lessons at AGS. Students in **Years 8 and 10** will be expected to log onto online lessons provided by their teachers on Teams.

Priority for onsite learning has once again been given to the students who will have external exams this spring/summer and to our youngest students, for whom childcare may have been more difficult for parents/carers to arrange.

Any student who is entitled to a free school meal can come into school and collect a meal from us as normal on Wednesday and Thursday. We will contact some families with children in Years 10, 9 and 8 to arrange onsite supervision where this is deemed appropriate/necessary.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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