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Our ref: RP/NS//Strike action 15th and 16th March 23

Date: Thursday 9th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

You may be aware from media coverage that the teaching union, NEU have declared strike action which will take place on **Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023**. The strike is happening because the NEU are in dispute with the Secretary of State for Education as she has failed to make available additional and sufficient funds to allow employers to pay a fully funded increase in teachers' pay at a rate greater than inflation. This is a national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues at our school.

Years 7-10

Due to the above strike action, Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School will be closed to pupils in Years 7-10 on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023. Unfortunately, we will be unable to provide remote education, however, your child will be set some home learning tasks. Please note, that these tasks may not be in line with their timetabled lessons as during strike action there is no requirement for those engaged in industrial action to set work for pupils or for colleagues to set work on their behalf. Your child should check their school email account and other subject specific online platforms.

If your child is entitled to free school meals and in Years 7-10, please can you email us via enquiry@decschool.co.uk if you wish to pre-order a packed lunch which will consist of a sandwich, side and a drink and your child will be able to collect from main school reception between 11.00-12.00 noon on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Emails must be received by 3pm on Monday 13th March at the latest in order that food orders can be placed.

Year 11

Year 11 pupils are expected to be in school at 8:40am on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March and will finish at 2:30pm. Year 11 pupils will also have lunch as normal.

Sixth Form

Sixth Form will be closed to all students but all students should discuss tasks with teachers in advance and check their college email accounts for any tasks set.

I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's 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. Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

I am working closely with our staff to keep you up to date with the ever-changing situation and I will inform you of any further disruption/strike action as it arises.

Yours faithfully

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