

## **(Parents) Letter re Strike on 1st March 2023**

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you to update you on the Academy's provision for Wednesday, 1st March, when the NEU are taking further industrial action. (This decision is in response to the Union's dissatisfaction with this year's pay award.)

Unfortunately, we will not be in a position to accommodate our normal school provision, due to uncertainties about staff attendance. Whilst not every teacher at Westfield Academy is a member of the NEU, there are a significant number. The safe running of the school depends on an adequate number of staff on site to provide the necessary supervision of its students. **On Wednesday, we will only be open for Year 11 students.**

- Our aim is that Year 11 students will have as "normal" a day as possible.
- Students, from all year groups, with Educational Health Plans will be contacted directly by Mrs Symonds to look at what provision would be available to them in the SEN base on that day.
- For all other year groups teachers, who are not on strike, will set work on Google Classroom and will be available for communication with students via Google.
- For parents whose children receive Free School Meals, there will be packed lunches made available. If this is something you require, please complete the form in the 'Form' section of ParentMail by **12pm on Tuesday, 28th February**. The catering staff will then be able to organise a packed lunch which will be available for collection between 12-1pm on Wednesday, 1st March from reception.
- For all other students work will be accessed remotely via their Google Classroom.
- All extra-curricular activities that normally take place on a Wednesday will be cancelled on Wednesday, 1st February.

There are two further strike days planned on 15th & 16th March. Details about how we intend to conduct learning on those days will be provided nearer the time. Best wishes and thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Body  
**Headteacher**