

27 January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Teacher Industrial Action Update

I hope that this letter finds you well.

Following on from my correspondence on Friday, 20 January 2023, I am writing to you today to provide you with an update as to our contingency plans in light on the proposed industrial action due to take place on Wednesday, 1 February 2023.

Over the course of the last week, academy leaders have been working with all teachers to establish the impact that the strike action is likely to cause to the safe operation of the academy on Wednesday, 1 February 2023. As a consequence of the information we have received, I have taken the decision that we will not be able to safely open to all students on Wednesday, 1 February 2023 and I wanted to provide you with sufficient notice of what this may mean for your child's education on this date.

School will be **open** to:

- Year 11
- Year 10
- Students classified as vulnerable across all year groups:

School will be **closed** to:

- Year 9
- Year 8
- Year 7

The decision to close the academy to over 900 students is not a decision that I have taken lightly, however, with more than 60% of teachers intending to strike on Wednesday, 1 February 2023, it would not be safe for us to open to all students. Importantly, we have chosen to prioritise examination year groups to ensure that examination preparations can continue.

The arrangements for education on the strike day are as follows:

Year 11 and 10

Students will attend school at their normal time (8.30 am). Period 7, however, will not run on this day for year 11 students, meaning that both year 10 and 11 students will finish school at 2.50 pm. Additionally, no extra-curricular or revision programmes will run on the day.

Year 9, 8 and 7

A link will be provided to parents / carers for students to access online learning resources. This will be provided via text message next week. We will also make it available on our social media page. It is our expectation that student's access and complete work throughout the timings of the

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normal school day (8.30 am – 2.50 pm). If your child is unable to access online resources, please contact the academy via info@farnley.leeds.sch.uk.

Students Classified as Vulnerable

The government has provided information to schools of which groups of students it should consider to be vulnerable. Should your child fall into any of these categories, we will contact you separately to let you know the educational arrangements for your child.

Whilst I appreciate that the above information may cause additional challenges for families, I hope that you will understand that this decision has been made in order to keep all students safe. It is simply not possible to open to all students with so many teachers absent.

If you have any concerns in respect of this letter today, please do not hesitate to contact the academy via our email address (info@farnley.leeds.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully



Mr C Stokes
Principal