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Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Strike Action 5th and 7th July 2023

You may be aware from media coverage that the next dates for the NEU teaching union strike action for teaching staff will take place on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not specifically The Skills for Life Trust or its academies, it is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of our students whilst respecting the rights of our staff. In anticipation of this action we have already prepared a response plan to minimise disruption and ensure vulnerable students and the children of key workers are still able to attend school in person.

To enable us to provide support for as many children as possible, the school will need to suspend the teaching of the National Curriculum during these dates and organise alternative enrichment and revision activities throughout the day.

Students in year groups 7,8,9,10 and 12 (unless key worker or vulnerable children) will be asked to **study remotely during strike days** and online links/resources will be sent out shortly.

If we are able to offer more sessions on Friday 7th July 2023, if the staffing numbers change, I will let you know at the earliest convenience.

Key worker and Vulnerable students

For vulnerable students and the children of key workers who attend school, they will work on projects, online activities and coursework/revision under the supervision of staff in school. We will seek to hold year group classes dependent on numbers attending but they will not be normal class groups and should be in full school uniform. Break and lunch times will operate with appropriate supervision in place in the normal way.

If you require your child to attend school on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023 as you are a key worker, please complete the following form **by Tuesday 4th July 2023**. If you do not require a place for your child, then there is no requirement to complete the form as they can work remotely.

Please follow this link if you are key worker and are requesting a place for your son/ward on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Jta5u-xrUkyABXCpN0BmKRquraqKHnFPqfBxBxuHlvBUM0dCU1q3UEMzMjRjJWDVRUExit1BLMIVSRC4u>

If you are a parent of a vulnerable child, we will contact you separately to confirm your child's attendance on strike days.

Any free school meal students who will not be on site on the day of the strike, are welcome to collect a packed lunch on the 5th and 7th July 2023 between 11am -1pm from the main reception.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. We will of course continue to monitor the arrangements in place and make modifications where possible to improve support for students wherever possible. If the strike action is called off, then we will confirm this as soon as we can and in this eventuality the school will be open as usual to all students.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please contact the school at office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk in the first instance. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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