



Walderslade Girls' School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Strike Action

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) has voted overwhelmingly to support teacher strike action in the coming weeks.

The following dates have been issued so far:

- 1st February 2023
- 2nd March 2023
- 15th March 2023
- 16th March 2023

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 all year groups (unless key worker or vulnerable children) will be asked to **study remotely during strike days** and online links/resources will be sent out shortly. Students in Years 12 and 13 will continue with coursework and revision remotely but there are spaces in school for the sixth form to work independently should they wish.

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. 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 1st February 2023 as you are a key worker, please complete the following form **by Monday 30th January 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 a key worker and request a place for your daughter/ward on Wednesday 1st February 2023:

<https://forms.office.com/e/CWyMSGjaHL>

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 1st February 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.

The NEU has indicated that they will continue strike action for a further three days after this first strike as indicated at the start of this letter. Please make a note of these dates now and I will write to you in advance of each date to confirm any changes to arrangements and whether the strike is going ahead.

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

Yours sincerely



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