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Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Strike Action

I am writing to you to remind you of the planned strike action taking place directly after the bank holiday weekend, on Tuesday 2nd May 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 year 7-10 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. Students in Years 11 and 13 will be asked to attend school at the normal school times. Year 11 will be carrying out revision work and will not follow their normal timetable, whilst Year 13 will be asked to work from the Wedgewood area and staff will collect students that they will be working 1:1 with or in small groups to ensure revision and coursework is up to date. Year 13 teachers may email students directly. However, all year 13 must sign in at Wedgewood at 8.30 am and stay for the duration of the day.

Year 11 will be asked to attend S3 and S4 after signing in at reception at 8.30am where they will independently work on revision for the day. This is not compulsory, we are offering a quiet self-directed study space. If you would like to take advantage of this for your daughter, please use the link below to sign your daughter up for the session. The session runs from 8.30am – 1pm.

If you are a parent of a vulnerable child, and your daughter attended on Thursday 27 April, they will automatically be signed up for the key worker provision.

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 each strike day between 11am -1pm from the main reception.



A limited lunch selection will be available for Year 11 and Year 13 students when they are in school.

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 wgsoffice@sflt.org.uk in the first instance. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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