

Our ref: PDA/ACO

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Dear Parent/Carer

Strike action- Partial closure

Unfortunately I am having to write to you today following another announcement made by The National Education Union (NEU). Two additional strike days in schools have been announced: **Wednesday 5th** and **Friday 7th July**. The NEU, ASCL, NAHT and NASUWT are all balloting their members over coming weeks for industrial action in schools in England in the Autumn Term.

We are deeply sorry for the disruption that has been caused by all the strike announcements made this year.

Please be assured that all decisions made by national leaders are out of our control. Although, we are supportive of the principles driving the decisions for strike by colleagues at a national level, we are also deeply aware of the impact upon the education of young people and their families locally. Based upon the numbers that have taken strike action on previous occasions and on our internal risk assessment, I have had to look at several options that guarantee the health and safety of all those on school site as well as still provide a standard of education that is meaningful. Therefore, the Academy will only remain partially open to selected year groups on the two proposed dates:

- **Wednesday 5th July** - Year 9 and 10 students only and any student identified as vulnerable.
- **Friday 7th July** - Year 7 and 8 students only and any student identified as vulnerable. Please note the amendment to previously announced times. Students on this date will now leave the Academy at 3pm as normal.

Students not attending the Academy should access their usual timetabled lesson on google classroom. Subject teachers will make work available throughout the day and will be available online to discuss with your child any problems they may face.

- To access Google Classroom - please follow the 'Google Classroom' link on Wingfield Academy website or go direct to www.classroom.google.com
- If your child has forgotten their password, please follow the 'I've forgotten my password' icon on the Wingfield Academy website and a member of the IT support team will email a replacement password.
- Students will return their work via Google Classroom and/or directly via email to their class teacher.

Vulnerable Children and Young People

Vulnerable children and young people include those who are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, (including children and young people who have a child in need plan or a child protection plan i.e open to social care) and children who are looked-after by the local authority. This group also includes those children that have an education, health

and care (EHC) plan. Children that fall under this category should complete the following google form; [Vulnerable Children and Young People form to complete](#) and attend school as normal in full uniform and make their way to the main hall, where remote education will be provided within the academy.

Paper based learning packs will be available for those students who cannot access Google Classroom. If you require one of these packs please email wfa-office@nclt.ac.uk as soon as possible.

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, a grab bag will be available for your child to collect on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. Collection will be from the external door to the kitchen (near the attendance office). Please arrive between 11:45am-12:00pm. If you would like your child to collect a grab bag you **MUST** complete the following form (you will need to complete a form for every child): [Free School Meals Collection Form to Complete](#)

I am deeply sorry for the inconvenience that this may cause you and your family and please be assured we have made every attempt to stay open for all our children.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Davis
Headteacher