



The Sutton Academy
Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr P Willerton

26 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that a pay offer was offered, and overwhelmingly rejected, by all of the teaching unions. This means that unless an agreement is reached, the NEU teaching union intend to hold a seventh and eighth day of strike action on Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July. I have had the opportunity to review the staffing numbers at the academy to determine what provision we can safely offer with nearly 70 teachers not attending that day.

Unfortunately, the academy will be closed to students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. It will be open to students classed as vulnerable in those year groups, we have used the Department for Education guidance to identify those students classed as vulnerable and those parents/carers will receive a letter with details later today.

The academy will be open as usual to Year 12 students. They will attend their lesson as normal with their teacher. If their teacher is not on site that day then they will complete the work in the Sixth Form directed study area.

For students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, online learning tasks will be provided. The academy website will contain all of the links for each subject. Details of this will follow.

To ensure that the academy can still offer three days of transition to our Year 7 cohort for 2023/2024, the 'Y6 into Y7 Transition Days' have been moved to Monday 3, Tuesday 4 and Thursday 6 July. A letter has gone home to those parents.

For any student in receipt of Free School Meals over the strike days, the academy will email parents/carers a shopping voucher of the normal value.

I appreciate how disruptive the strike action will be to parents/carers, I have provided a [LINK](#) to information from the NEU teaching union which explains the rationale for the action they are taking.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or a member of the Academy Leadership Team.

Yours faithfully



Mr P Willerton
Principal



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