

24/04/23

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: Staff to Strike in England and Wales

I am sure you are aware from recent media coverage that the teachers' union, NEU, have declared new dates for strike action. The next strike date is **Thursday 27th April 2023**. 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 academy. Other teaching unions have directed their members not to cover lessons of other teachers who are on strike.

Following the completion of a risk assessment, St James Academy will remain **open on Thursday 27th April to Years 7, 10 and 11 ONLY**. Attendance for Y7, Y10 and Y11 is compulsory.

Based upon current estimates of staffing levels, Year 8 and 9 learners will be required to stay at home will be required to stay at home on Thursday. Learners in these year groups will be able to access additional work on Bedrock and SPARX, our English and Mathematics online platforms.

We are sorry about the disruption to you and to your child's education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. As I am sure you can understand, it is vital that we are able to support learners that are in examination year groups.

If you have any questions, please contact School Reception on 01384 685200 or general@stjamesacademy.org.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr Moore
Principal