

Dear Parent/Carers

27 January 2023

## **Strike Action**

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the teacher union NEU has declared strike action. This will affect St Mark's Academy on:

- 1<sup>st</sup> February
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- 15<sup>th</sup> March
- 16<sup>th</sup> March

I am writing to give you notice of our arrangements on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not St Mark's or Anthem Schools Trust, it is important that we respond accordingly. The Senior Leadership Team has been working closely with staff in order to plan for the day.

### **I am pleased to inform you that, after careful planning, the school will remain open for Year 7, 8, 11, 13 and SMART.**

Students in Year 9, 10 & 12 will be set remote learning activities to complete on Teams. You will be able to access this work be accessed from 8:30am on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. If parents require any support accessing this, please contact your child's Progress Leader for support. A support guide will also be emailed to families by Tuesday. Parent/carers of students in Year 9, 10 & 12 who receive free school meals will be emailed a food voucher to the value of £15 per child, to cover the 4 planned days.

Should strike action go ahead on additional planned days, we will ensure Year 9, 10 & 12 receive face to face education to readdress this time missed.

**Any parent with a child in Year 9, 10 or 12 who requires a place on site** due to **childcare issues**, or because they are a **key worker** can request this. **A Teams link to request a place will be text to parents shortly.** Similarly, our **Inclusion and Safeguarding Teams will be calling families** they work closely with to **offer places to students in their care.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please do contact the academy. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Hannah Fahey  
**Principal**