

Dear Parent/Carers

10 March 2023

### **Further 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:

- 15<sup>th</sup> March
- 16<sup>th</sup> March

I am writing to give you notice of our arrangements on Wednesday 15 March.

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 Years 8, 11, 12 & 13 & SMART.**

Students in Years 7, 9 & 10 will be set remote learning activities to complete on Teams. You will be able to access this work from 8:30am on Wednesday 15 March. 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. Parent/carers of students in Years 7, 9 & 10 who receive free school meals will be emailed a food voucher per child.

**Any parent with a child in Years 7, 9 & 10 who requires a place on site due to childcare issues, or because they are a key worker, can request this. A Microsoft Forms 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.**

A further letter will be sent to you on Monday informing you of plans for the strike action being held on Thursday 16 March.

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