

Dear Parent/Carers

21 April 2023

### **Further Strike Action**

I hope this letter finds you well.

You will have seen in the news that the NEU has announced further dates for industrial action on:

- 27 April 2023 &
- 2 May 2023

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.

This letter outlines plans for Thursday 27 April only – you will receive further information regarding plans for Tuesday 2 May in a separate letter next week.

**I am pleased to inform you that, after careful planning, the school will remain open for Years 9, 11, 12, 13 & SMART. Year 10 will come in for their exam only then be escorted off site to access remote learning. Year 10 students will be dismissed from their examination at either 10am or 10.30am depending on which paper they are sitting.**

Students in Years 7 & 8 will be set remote learning activities to complete on Teams. You will be able to access this work from 8:30am on Thursday 27 April and a support guide will also be emailed to families. Parent/carers of students in Years 7, 8 & 10 who receive free school meals will be emailed a food voucher per child.

**Any parent with a child in Years 7, 8 and Year 10 (following their exam), who require a place on site due to childcare issues, are a key worker or fall within a key priority group can request this by using the following link.** Please complete by 11pm on Tuesday 25 April to secure a place on site.  
<https://forms.office.com/e/fGE5nqt6we>

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