

April 2023

Dear families

Industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU)

As some of you may be aware, one of the teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), is planning further strike action over the next three weeks. This is national action, taken by the NEU as part of a dispute between unions and the government over teachers' pay.

The NEU has given notice to us that strikes will impact Dixons McMillan Academy on 27 April and 2 May 2023.

While we believe discussions are ongoing between unions and the government which could see some strikes cancelled, we have to make plans on the assumption that action will be taken on the dates mentioned.

Having considered the number of teachers at school who are members of the NEU, I have made the difficult decision to partially close the school on this date. School will remain open for Year 11 (who are preparing for their imminent GCSE exams) and those children who need enhanced support. We will confirm directly with those families whose children will be able to attend school. I am working with those staff that will be in school on the two days to ensure that we prioritise the final exam preparations for Year 11.

We have decided to restrict access in this way to ensure that we can provide an appropriate level of supervision and ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of those in school.

For those children not in school, work will be sent to parents via MCAS and also to student emails for completion.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals (FSM) and you require a pack lunch to support you on 27 April, please let Mr Greenwood know no later than the end of the day on Monday 24 April. You can call main reception or email him: jgreenwood@dixonsma.com

If there are changes to our plan for responding to the proposed industrial action, I will advise you as soon as possible.

We wanted to communicate as soon as possible so you can plan accordingly. Thank you, as always, for your patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully



Kat Lang

Principal

