

July 2023

Dear families

### **Industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU) / Data and Planning Days**

As per our previous letters, one of the teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), is planning strike action over the next month. This is a national strike regarding a dispute between unions and the government over teachers' pay.

The NEU has given notice to us that strikes will likely impact Dixons McMillan Academy on **5 July** and **7 July 2023**.

Whilst we believe discussions are ongoing between unions and the government, which could see some strikes cancelled, we have had to make plans for **5 July** and **7 July** on the assumption that action will be taken on that date. Having considered the number of teachers at school who are members of the NEU, we have made the difficult decision to **partially close** the school on this date. School will **remain open for Year 10** who are preparing for their GCSEs, but we will be **closed to all other year groups**. In addition to Year 10, we will also be open to any students in years 7 to 10 who require enhanced support from school. We will confirm directly with those families whose children will be able to attend school. We have decided to restrict access in this way to ensure we can provide an appropriate level of supervision, education and ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of those in school.

On **5 July** we will also be open for our usual Transition Day for Year 6 into Year 7. This will begin at 9:00am (for those families who have siblings joining us).

For those children not in school, work completion documents and booklets will be provided via email on the morning of **5 July** and **7 July** to your child's school email address.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals (FSM) and you require a pack lunch to support you on 5 and 7 July, please let Mr Greenwood know no later than the end of the day on Friday 30 June. You can call main reception or email him: [jgreenwood@dixonsma.com](mailto:jgreenwood@dixonsma.com)

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

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind families that we are closed for Eid ul-Adha on 29 June. We also have our Cycle 3 data and planning days on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 July. School will be **closed to all students** on both of these days, and as such, the summer term ends for students on Wednesday 20 July.

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

