



28 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Strike action by the National Education Union (NEU) on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July 2023**

It is with regret that I am writing to you to inform you that the industrial dispute between the NEU and the Government remains unresolved. A majority of our teaching staff are members of this union so a large number of teachers will not be in school on these days. As before, student safety is my top priority, and I cannot guarantee that the site will be safe for all students with such a reduced workforce.

### **I have taken the decision to open the school to Year 7 and Year 9 students only on Wednesday 5 July 2023.**

On Wednesday 5 July, Year 7 and 9 students should arrive at school and attend as follows:

- Year 7 – Lower Hall - normal start time 8.50am
- Year 9 – Performing Arts Centre - normal start time 8.50am

### **I have taken the decision to open the school to Year 8 and Year 10 students only on Friday 7 July 2023.**

On Friday 7 July, Year 8 and 10 students should arrive at school and attend as follows:

- Year 8 – Lower Hall - normal start time 8.50am
- Year 10 – Performing Arts Centre - normal start time 8.50am

Despite there being only a limited number of lessons for students when invited in during strike days, it is important to the school community that your child attends, if invited in. This is to allow some normal lessons to happen, albeit a reduced number. In addition, there are wellbeing, social and habitual benefits from attending school, even with reduced lessons.

### **The school will make every effort to reduce the disruption to the students on the day that they are not invited to school, through the provision of remote teaching.**

We cannot guarantee work will be available for every timetabled lesson, as only teachers not taking action will be engaging in remote teaching. Students should expect that there will be some provision of materials online through MS Teams. This will be a mixture of live lessons, posted work and assignments.

Some other arrangements for the day are:

- For students invited into school who are unable to attend school on that day, please follow the normal absence reporting procedures by emailing [attendance@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk) or phoning the school
- The catering service will operate as normal

- Free School Meal vouchers for both days will be issued, as appropriate, to parents via schoolvouchers.com
- School buses will operate as normal
- There will be no sports fixtures, or extra-curricular - lunch or after school clubs, including Study Club
- Students should bring their PE kit, if they have a timetabled PE lesson that day
- **However, on Wednesday 5 July 2023, Year 9 students should attend in PE kit**
- **On Friday 7 July 2023, Year 8 students should attend in PE kit**
- Year 7 and 10 students should attend in normal uniform
- Year 7 should bring in a reading book
- Year 10 should bring in some independent study materials, to revise subjects in which they want to improve

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher