

January 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

You may be aware from media coverage that the teaching union - National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on a number of dates, the first being on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the union and the government over teacher's pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements. Chase Terrace Academy will operate a partial closure, in which some year groups will be working remotely from home. Please see the overview below:

Year Group	Learning provision	Location
7*	Students will be provided with work via SMHW.	Home
8*	Students will be provided with work via SMHW.	Home
9*	Students will be provided with work via SMHW.	Home
10*	Students will be provided with work via SMHW.	Home
11	Students will be in normal lessons where possible or will be supervised completing a GCSE review activity.	School
12	Students will be in normal lessons where possible or will be working independently on their A level studies.	School
13	Students will be in normal lessons where possible or will be working independently on their A level studies.	School
Y7-10 Vulnerable students	Students will be provided with work via SMHW.	School

\*Please note, that teaching members of staff who are striking are not compelled to set work for students therefore, some remote work will be generic and will be labelled: **GENERAL** in SMHW. If there is no specific set work for a period on SMHW, they need to complete this **GENERAL** work linking it to the subject scheduled on their timetable. Students can access GCSEPod in addition to the work on SMHW.

### **Vulnerable Students**

Definition – Families who are involved with social services and may have a social worker. Students who have an Education and Healthcare Plan (EHCP).

We have contacted all children/families that we know to be in the vulnerable student category and in Year 7-10. If you have not received a call and would like to discuss whether your child is in this category, please contact [office@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk) so that we can ensure we have sufficient provision.

### **School Transport**

School transport will run as normal.

### **Catering**

School lunches will run as normal. Year 11 and Sixth form students will be able to use the canteen at both break and lunchtime.

### **Free School meals**

If your child is working remotely and is eligible for free school meals, you are able to order a packed lunch for Wednesday. If you would like to do this, please complete the form on the link or QR code below by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January and the lunch will be available to collect from main reception the day before the strike action on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** at the end of the school day.

**Survey:** <https://forms.office.com/e/b60CC8ngT2>



I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and/or that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Chase Terrace Academy remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further. We will ensure that you are updated ahead of the future strike dates that have been announced and will do our best to ensure disruption is minimised.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Head of Year by contacting [office@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk)

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Mason'.

**Ms.Mason**  
**Headteacher**