

February 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 in March. The upcoming date is scheduled for the week after half term on **Wednesday 1st March 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 need to 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 mock exams on this day and will finish school slightly earlier, once the afternoon mock exam is completed**	School
12	Students will be in school for Art, English, Chemistry, Sport and Physics. All other subjects – study at home.	School
13	Students will be in school for Biology, Business, Physics, Philosophy and Ethics and Photography. All other subjects – study at home.	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.

**Year 11 Mock examinations will run as planned on Wednesday 1st March, however timings will be adjusted to ensure that we can still accommodate students on site with a significantly reduced number of teaching staff. Students should arrive for form time as normal at 8.30am. They will then go to line up for the English exam, which will begin at 9am. Once the English exam has finished – 11.15 for most students – there will be a 30-minute break to allow students time to use the toilets and collect food from the canteen. The science examination scheduled for the afternoon will then begin at 12pm and end at 1.15pm for students studying combined science and 1.45pm for those studying triple. Once the examination is completed, all students will be expected to leave site.

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 so that we can ensure we have sufficient provision.

School Transport

School transport will leave school earlier than normal at 2pm, after the year 11 mock exam. Any year 11 students that access school transport and need to wait after the combined science exam will be able to go to the library. Sixth Form students that use the school transport have been contacted.

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 by 9am on 27 February and the lunch will be available to collect from main reception the day before the strike action on **28 February** at the end of the school day.



Survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/tzWJt4gSxx>

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, or on the day. We will ensure that you are updated ahead of the future strike dates.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Head of Year by contacting office@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk

Kind regards,

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

Ms.Mason
Headteacher