

24 February 2023

Dear families

### **Re: National Teacher Industrial Strike Action**

As per our previous correspondence, one of the teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), has organised their second strike day for Tuesday 28 February. There are 2 further dates scheduled for 15 March and 16 March although it is possible these dates may be withdrawn if the NEU can reach agreement with government.

The strike action is not a dispute between Dixons Academies Trust, the local authority or our school specifically; only between the members of the union and the Government. However, we do have a large proportion of our teaching staff in the NEU. As a result, we have no choice but to close the school to the majority of students on these days to ensure safe operation and supervision for your children.

### **Arrangements for Year 7 - Year 10**

Year 7 - Year 10 will work from home with work set via Oak Academy — **we will put links to the relevant lessons on to the website on Monday evening**. However, we also recognise that some students work with more support and may need that support to access the online work. As a result, these students are also being offered the opportunity to work in school, supervised, with access to our IT facilities. The parents / carers for children qualifying for this support will be contacted individually.

Please note, only students named in those letters qualify, if you have more than one child in the school they may not all be supported by this extra offer.

### **Free school meals**

Children in receipt of free school meals will be able to pick up a grab bag containing a sandwich and fruit from reception between midday and 1.00pm.

### **Arrangements for Year 11**

Year 11 must attend school as normal (free breakfast available from 7.30am). They should report to their Morning Meeting space for registration at 8.30am. The day will consist of masterclasses in English, Science and Maths and GCSE papers to support preparations for their final exams in the summer. Lunch and break time will run as normal and the school day will end at 3.30pm.

Yours faithfully

**Chris Wilson**  
**Principal**  
**Dixons Fazakerley Academy**

