

Our ref: RHO/EFO
10 March 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

Strike Action

Further to my letter dated 20 January 2023, the National Education Union (NEU), the largest education union in the UK, are currently set to proceed with their declared national strike action on both Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023.

Whilst the planned strike action is a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not The Active Learning Trust, it is important that we respond accordingly. As a result, the senior leadership team at Chantry Academy has been working closely with staff in order to plan for these days.

We understand that a significant number of colleagues will be taking industrial action. We have looked at the school timetable for both days to ensure we can still manage the safe supervision of students, whilst minimising the impact on learning with reduced staffing levels in place.

Currently, if the strike action goes ahead, although our school can remain open, we will put the following arrangements in place:

- The Academy will be open for Year 11 students (please ensure students bring their laptops into school as usual).
- Years 7 to 10 will be set work online which can be completed at home. Alternatively, students can access work via The Oak National Academy for their appropriate year group <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year>

The Academy will put measures in place to support students on free school meals in Years 7 to 10.

Once again, I apologise for the need to make changes to the school day and for any inconvenience this causes you. It appears unlikely the proposed industrial action will be averted, but if this were to happen, I will write to you to confirm that the school will be open as usual.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please contact the school on admin@chantryacademy.org

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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