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Dear Parents and Carers

Strike Action

As you will be aware from recent social media reports, the National Education Union (NEU), the largest education union in the UK has declared strike action on Wednesday 1 March 2023 within the Eastern region.

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 effectively plan ahead.

At this stage, we understand that a significant number of colleagues will be taking industrial action. We have looked at the school timetable for Wednesday 1 March 2023 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.

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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