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Dear Parents and Carers

Strike Action

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU), the largest education union in the UK has declared national strike action on both Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July 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.

Friday 7 July 2023 is a pre-planned PD day at the Academy so will not impact our students who are already scheduled to be off school for the day. However, we understand that a significant number of colleagues will be taking industrial action on Wednesday 5 July 2023, and we have therefore put the following arrangements in place to minimise the impact on learning on this day:

- The Academy will be open for Year 10 students (please ensure students bring their laptops into school as usual).
- Years 7 to 9 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>

We will be providing vouchers to support students on free school meals in Years 7 to 9 on Wednesday 5 July 2023. Further information will be provided in due course.

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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