



22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further strike action has been announced for the National Education Union on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**. We have done everything we can to keep the school open for all year groups but unfortunately, we do not have enough staff in school to cover the lessons required.

Therefore, I am writing to let you know that the school will be closed to the following year groups on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**, in anticipation of strike action being taken by the NEU.

- Year 7 - closed
- Year 8 - closed
- Year 9 - closed
- Year 11 – closed

**Those in Year 10 and sixth form students should attend school as normal.**

The academy day will finish at 3.10pm. A small number of children have been identified as exceptions to this closure owing to their circumstances. You will be contacted individually if your child is one of these. We will also circulate further information regarding lunch arrangements for students who are in receipt of Free School Meals.

For children in year groups affected by the closure, the following educational arrangements apply:-

*Access Oak Academy/BBC Bitesize/GCSEPOD to access learning relating to their timetable in school. They should follow their timetable for the day.*

I am sorry for the disruption and concern that this decision will cause. Please be assured that we have considered every alternative to closure and have tried to maximize the number of students we can safely accommodate in the school. We do, however, need to maintain staffing levels that enable effective supervision and education of students. Unfortunately, we were unable to maintain these at a high enough level for all students.

Warm Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Scales', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Mr David Scales

Principal, Astrea Academy Woodfields