



26th June 2023

Mr I Critchley

Principal BSc (Hons), PGCE, MA, NPQH

Dear Parents/Carers

IMPORTANT: Industrial Action – Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July 2023

I am writing to inform you that members of the National Education Union are planning to take industrial action in the form of strikes on **Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July 2023**. This action is not against the school itself but is part of a national dispute with the government in which the trade union is campaigning for increased pay for teachers and increased funding to schools.

As you will know from the previous days of industrial actions I and members of my leadership team have carefully considered what impact the strike will have on our school. After examining all possible options, I wish to confirm that the following arrangements have been made:

- **The school will be closed for all pupils on Wednesday 5th July.**
- **Thursday 6th July will be a normal school day.**
- **The school will be closed for all pupils on Friday 7th July.**
- **Induction Day for Year 6 pupils, starting in Year 7 in September 2023, will now take place on Thursday 6th July.** After liaising with our largest feeder Primary Headteachers in Knowsley and Liverpool we have taken the decision to move this event.

Pupils should not attend school on 5th and 7th July and will be set work which will be **available on the school website**. Further information will be sent home and made available on our social media channels. This decision has not been taken lightly. Owing to the potential number of teachers who will not be at work, the school cannot deliver the full curriculum in a safe learning environment for all pupils.

Some pupils will be asked to come into school in Years 7 – 10 based on individual need. Those parents and carers will receive a call from the school over the next couple of days.

Pupils in Year 7-10 who normally access a **Free School Meal** can pre-order a small food hamper which will provide items for lunch over both strike days. Please email Admin@HalewoodAcademy.co.uk by **Thursday 29th June**.

If a pupil does not have access to a device at home enabling them to access remote learning, can you please notify the school by completing this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/deuVyRLZ3T> . We will endeavour to provide devices to families where possible. The remote learning will be placed on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr I Critchley

Principal

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