

9th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Strike Action on 15 & 16 March 2023

You will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) strike action will continue on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023**. I am writing to give you as much notice as possible of the likely impact of the action on the Academy. The plans are slightly different to 1st March, so please read carefully.

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not specifically Bedford College Academies Trust or its schools, it is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of our students whilst respecting the rights of our staff. In anticipation of this action we have already prepared a response plan to minimise disruption and ensure vulnerable students and the children of critical workers are still able to attend school in person.

Wednesday 15th March

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will study independently at home on the day, with work set for them on Edulink. Students in Year 11 will have a face-to-face onsite education and supervised independent revision and study periods. Year 12 students will come in for the day for timetabled lessons and independent study.

Thursday 16th March

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will study independently at home on the day, with work set for them on Edulink. Students in Year 11 will have a face-to-face onsite education and supervised independent revision and study periods.



Attendance for Years 11 and 12 on the 15th and Year 11 on the 16th March is compulsory.

I have also authorised the attendance of the 'Matilda Show' cast on both days. The performing arts staff team have written to parents and carers separately about this.

Vulnerable students (Annex A of linked document) and the children of critical workers (Annex B of linked document) will also be able to attend school to be supervised in a range of independent learning activities.

If your child is in year groups not attending school and you require your child to attend the Academy on the 15th or 16th March 2023 because you are a critical worker, please complete the form below **by Monday 13th March 2023**. If you do not require a place for your child then there is no requirement to complete the form as they can complete work set at home as described above. Please paste this address into your browser to open the **Critical Worker form** (submit one per child):
<https://forms.gle/Pt46HSVdtoMtZsDc6>

If you are a parent of a vulnerable child we will contact you separately to confirm your child's attendance on strike days.

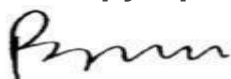
For any students entitled to Free School Meals who will not be on site on the days of the strikes, we will arrange for you to collect a packed lunch. Please complete the survey here: <https://forms.gle/2gZonkXngjc1BtXT7>

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. We will of course continue to monitor the arrangements in place and make modifications where possible to improve support for students wherever possible. If the strike action is called off then we will confirm this as soon as we can and in this eventuality the school will be open as usual to all students. Keep an eye on the website for updates.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please contact the Academy at info@wixamsAcademy.co.uk in the first instance. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Spyropoulos



Principal