

21st April 2023

Re: Strike Action on 27 April and 2 May 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

You will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) strike action will continue on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023**. I am writing to give you as much notice as possible of the likely impact of the action on the Academy.

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.

27th April and 2nd May

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 and Year 12 are expected in the Academy for their normal timetabled lessons and bespoke revision sessions.

Attendance for Years 11 and 12 is compulsory.



Other Students who may attend school on strike days

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

If your child is in year groups not attending school and you require your child to attend the Academy on the 27 April or 2 May 2023 because you are a critical worker, please complete the form below **by midday Wednesday 26 April 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/Pth9jYyCrdF6DELk6>

Free School Meal Entitlement

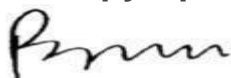
For any students entitled to Free School Meals who will not be on site on the days of the strikes, we will arrange for you to collect a packed lunch. Please complete the survey here: <https://forms.gle/zVbuoLDyzWXcQz7b7>

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