



22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Closure due to Strike Action on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

The National Education Union [NEU] are continuing their industrial action with a second day of strike action planned for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

At St Clement's High School approximately seventy five percent of our teachers are NEU members. Teachers in other unions cannot cover the lessons of striking colleagues. It will therefore not be possible to open the whole school on 1<sup>st</sup> March. **The school will therefore be closed to all students except Year 7.**

Additional staff are being brought in to enable Year 7 to attend so lessons will vary from those shown on our published curriculum plans.

Students in years 8, 9,10 and 11 should work online at home. Those teachers not striking will provide online lessons through our Google Classroom platform. Students should follow their usual school timetable and check into the Google Classroom each period to see whether a lesson is being provided. In the event that a lesson is not available then students should use alternative online resources such as Oak National Academy.

A packed lunch can be provided for any child missing their free school meal on this day. Students will be provided with details of how to order these lunches and they will then be available for collection at the end of the school day on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

We are fortunate to have a team of highly committed teachers at St Clement's and those who have chosen to take strike action will have done so only after serious consideration of the national issues.

This is a national strike and so further details regarding the reasons for this action can be found on the NEU website, however please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the impact on our school. The Unions are in talks with the Government and it is hoped an agreement can be reached soon as the NEU have two further days of strikes planned for 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher