



29 June 2023

Dear Families

Teachers' Industrial Action Update

Sackville School will be closed to most children and young people on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July 2023.

Following the most recent announcement for industrial action, we have reviewed the possible availability of staff, against our planned calendar and what we can safely manage to fulfil.

As much as we would like to start to rotate students from years 7-10 coming into school, it is proving very difficult to cover with the staff we believe we may have available. We also have our Year 6 into 7 Transition Days to consider that week. Some of their activities are easier for us to cover safely but we are going to reduce them from three down to two days.

Taking all factors into consideration we have agreed the following with our governing board:

- **Wednesday 5 July** - Year 7 and Year 12 students in school
- **Thursday 6 July** - No industrial action. All year groups (Years 7-10 and Sixth Form) in school, plus Year 6 Transition Day 1
- **Friday 7 July** - Year 6 Transition Day 2 plus Year 12 in school

All students should arrive at the **normal school start time, with tutor time beginning at 8.25am** and will be able to attend their full timetable.

Students from other year groups who may be in need of additional support have also been invited in for 8.25am. All other students should remain at home to access online learning.

How learning will continue - Students not in school on days with industrial action

We would like to ensure that as much learning can still take place for all students when they are not in school. Where possible, we will deliver live lessons via the Google Meet platform. Details of how to access this will be sent to your child on Monday. Your child will need access to an electronic device for approximately 30 minutes each lesson.

Additional Home Learning and online Resources - All years

Where teachers are unavailable to deliver lessons via Google Meet, students and parents/carers can access work from a number of online resources that can be found in the home learning area on our website

<https://sackvilleschool.org.uk/resources-to-support-home-learning/>. There is a wealth of resources available covering the vast majority of subjects.

We know this situation continues to be disruptive for you and your family and we apologise for any inconvenience these arrangements cause. I am still hopeful that fresh talks between the government and unions can be agreed to avoid any further industrial action in the autumn term. I will keep you updated as soon as we hear any more information.

Finally, please note that **all students** are expected **back in school Monday 10 July** at the usual time.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J Meloni'.

Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher