



30 January 2023

Dear Families

Teachers' Industrial Action 1 February 2023

Sackville School will be closed to most children and young people on Wednesday 1 February 2023 due to Teachers' strike action. Please see below for further details.

Further to our update of 27 January 2023, we have been continually reviewing information received around industrial action, so that we can be as helpful as possible to you in making any plans you may need to put in place for your family on Wednesday 1 February 2023, the first of the notified strike days.

We have been informed by the National Education Union (NEU) that we now have approximately 60% of teacher members who will be called upon by their union to take strike action, this is an increase on the figures we were initially given last week. It is important to note that it is not within our power to ask other teachers to undertake the work of their striking colleagues, either in terms of covering classes in school or setting work for remote learning. As a result, we will be unable to open and operate normally on that day.

We have therefore reviewed our decision for full or partial closure in accordance with our risk assessments to ensure that the safety of the children and young people in our care is maintained.

This decision has not been taken lightly but on the basis of the above information, I am writing to inform you that, having carried out the risk assessment, the school will only be **open for Year 7 students, all of whom will be expected to attend school as normal**. The school has organised staffing to ensure sufficient cover so that your child will be safe. The normal timetable may not run in full during that day but a range of learning activities will be planned. Food will be available in the canteen. **All other students** should remain at home and access their learning from there.

There are some exceptions for a small number of **other students** who are in receipt of **additional support**. They have received a **separate communication** on the arrangements we are able to put in place for those children. Please be aware that such arrangements are likely to be more limited than they were during the pandemic due to staff availability.

We would like to ensure that as much learning can still take place on Wednesday as possible. Where teachers are at work, they will deliver in person lessons to Year 7 and live lessons via the Google Meet platform for all other year groups. Details of how to access this will be shared with students shortly and in a separate communication to you. Your child will need access to an electronic device for approximately 30 minutes each lesson.

Where teachers are unavailable to deliver lessons, 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.

If your child has a **free school meal**, they can collect a packed lunch from the school canteen at the end of the day on Tuesday 31 January.

We know this situation is potentially very disruptive for you and your family and apologise for any inconvenience these arrangements may cause.

Yours sincerely

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

Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher