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HEADTEACHER: Mrs A Leng

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Strike Action

You will be aware from previous correspondence with regards to the ongoing strike action that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared. The next days of strike action will take place on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

Due to the number of staff planning to take action, we have made the difficult decision to close our secondary schools on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March to all students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10.

YEAR 11

Year 11 will be in school for a full day where possible. We intend to use the strike day effectively. Students in Y11 will be given vital sessions on revision techniques and preparing for the summer exam series; helping them to plan their time and revise effectively. They will also be sitting mock exams in Science, Spanish (Wednesday afternoon) and Geography (Thursday afternoon) to help identify areas of strength and provide teaching staff and students with key topics for revision, and to enable us as a school to re-shape any other interventions that we currently have in place. Any students not taking the Spanish or Geography mock exams will be on home study from approximately 1pm.

Other cohorts

We will also be inviting the same select group of students that were invited into school on the previous strike day in line with advice and guidance from the Department for Education. Families of these students should fill out the same Google form again that they filled out for the previous strike day stating that they would like to come in to school. It is important to note that this will not be the same cohort as during the pandemic, but will include students who have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) and those children who are in the care of the Local Authority.

The decision to close the school to the vast majority of students is not a decision we have taken lightly. Furthermore, we may not know until very late how many staff will be available to work, and therefore a decision to fully close may have to be taken at the last minute. However, every effort will be made to give notice.

Arrangements for any student entitled to a free school meal will be the same as for the previous strike days.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. 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.

If you have any questions about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please email info@cliftonschoo.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs A Leng
Headteacher

