



26th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Industrial Action – 1st February 2023

Parents and carers will have received a letter from Mr Dey last week informing you that the National Education Union (NEU) has called for industrial action across schools in England and Wales over a series of days in the coming weeks. The first of these days is planned for Wednesday 1st February. Thank you for your patience while I have been gathering information and planning for our approach to educational provision on 1st February. NEU members are not required to inform their school in advance if they plan to take action and, as a result, it has not been possible to ascertain the exact number of teachers who will be available to provide teaching or supervision on the day. It is regrettable, therefore, that the information I have gathered indicates that I will not be able to guarantee adequate supervision and will need to close the school for most students. Arrangements for educational provision are outlined below.

Year 7 – 11 – Students in Year 7 – 11 will remain at home. We will provide remote learning, and this will be a blend of live lessons (by staff who are at work and not taking industrial action) and remote materials that will be signposted or made available to year group cohorts where live lessons are not available. Guidance for accessing live lessons via Google Classroom will follow. Students should log on to Google Classroom at 8.30am where they will see which lessons will be 'live' and which lessons they should study independently. It is important that students access this educational provision. If students will struggle to access online materials, please contact your child's College Headteacher.

College VI – College VI students will be able to come into school as normal. By 8.30am we will share on site the list of lessons which will take place as usual and which lessons will be study periods. We will provide supervised study zones for students to work in when their lessons are not running. It is more possible to operate in this way for College VI due to smaller year group sizes and differences in approaches to independent study at school. Students will be able to use the College VI Café as normal and the usual dress code will apply.

Other Provision – We will operate an on-site provision for a small number of students we feel will require support and supervision on the day. We will not be able to provide this to many students as we cannot guarantee the safe supervision of large numbers of students. Parents or carers of students identified by colleagues in the Mackay College will be contacted by Mrs Langan to invite them into school for supported study. Parents of students who are eligible for Free School Meals will receive a letter inviting them to book a packed lunch which can be collected on the morning of 1st February.

I would like to offer my apologies for the disruption this may cause to families and thank you for understanding the challenges of planning for provision under uncertain conditions. We have begun planning ahead for potential future strike days (2nd, 15th & 16th March 2023) and I will communicate plans for these if necessary.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Turner
Principal