



27 January 2023

Dear parents and carers

RE: Strike Action – Arrangements for Plymstock School Wednesday 1 February 2023

I am writing following on from the letter that was shared with you all on Friday 20 January and Wednesday 25 January by the CEO of the Trust, Rob Haring, relating to the strike action taking place on Wednesday 1 February 2023. I am now in a position to provide you with an update on the arrangements we have made at Plymstock School. Please be aware that other schools within the Trust and across the city may make different arrangements. This is due to their own contexts and different numbers of staff taking strike action.

We have completed an extensive risk assessment and considered staff calculations needed to ensure our site is safe. Given the extensive nature of our school site and the number of members of staff the strike will potentially affect, it will not be possible to open the school to all students on Wednesday 1 February 2023.

In order to ensure I am able to maintain appropriate levels of safety, the school will be closed for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 should attend school as normal. I am hopeful that the majority of Post 16 lessons will go ahead, however, students in Year 12 and 13 are asked to bring material with them for independent study in the event that a teacher is not in school.

I can confirm that the planned Year 13 mock exams will be taking place.

There are three further dates for strike action that have been projected by the NEU; these may affect **Thursday 2 March, Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March 2023**. We will continue to communicate our arrangements for these specific dates nearer the time. There may also be further announcements of strike action from other teaching unions.

I would like to give you my assurances that I have considered our position very carefully and the decision I have made is to ensure that I can safely manage the number of students on site.

I will write to you again on Monday to provide further information regarding the exact arrangements for remote learning and for those that will be attending school.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Yendell
Headteacher