

24th April 2023

Dear Respected Parent/Carer Assalaamu alaikum - Peace be with you

Ref: NEU strike action

The school has received notification from the National Education Union (NEU) trade union that its teacher members propose to take strike action in England. This action relates to a national dispute with the government about teachers' pay. The remainder dates for strike action are:

- Thursday 27th April
- Tuesday 2nd May

As some teaching staff within the school are members of the NEU union, the school will be affected by the strike action. For our pupils' safety and to ensure the continuity of their education, we will be implementing measures to minimise the disruption to our pupils.

Unfortunately, it will be necessary to restrict opening to vulnerable pupils, children of critical workers and all pupils in Year 11. On the day of the strike **Thursday 2**^{7th} **April 2023**, the school will only be open for these pupils. If you are a critical worker, and wish your child to attend, please email the school using info@egslough.staracademies.org. Please label your email Critical Worker, clearly stating what work you do.

Year 11 and Critical Worker pupils to arrive at 7:50am via Playground, all to leave at 3:05pm

For all other pupils, the school will be closed. All after school clubs and intervention for Thursday 27th April have been cancelled. All pupils will leave school at 3:05pm. All Pupils not in school will be set work to complete at home. This will include:

A study information sheet which will be provided by the school digitally to parents and pupils via Class Charts and MS Teams, that will outline activities for pupils to complete throughout the day to keep up to date with their curriculum learning. This includes Reading for pleasure, use of GCSE Pod, Oak Academy lessons, completion of Sparx XP Boost activities for Maths, Reading Wise Vocab practice, Seneca for History, Memrise for French, and Tassomai for Science.

If your child would normally receive a free school meal and does not attend school due to the strike action, she will be provided with a free school meal pack to be taken home on Wednesday at 2:55pm.

If there are any developments at a national level, such as the strike action being called off or delayed, we will notify you as soon as possible through our usual school communication channels.

I wish to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, and I thank you for your continued engagement and cooperation with the school during this national strike action. I hope that the information provided in this letter will enable you to make plans ahead of the expected disruption.

Yours sincerely

Sajid Khaliq Principal

