

3rd July 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:

• Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July 2023

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 10. On the two days of the strike Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July the school will 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.

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For all other pupils, the school will be closed. All after school clubs and intervention 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 ClassCharts 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, a **free school** meal (FSM) pack to be taken on Tuesday 4th July & Thursday 6th July between 2.50pm and 3.05pm, pupils to come and collect from the Dining Hall.

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

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