

10 March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Re. Planned strike action by the NEU – Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March

Thank you for your understanding during this period of industrial action. The next days of planned strike action by the NEU are on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March. **We will only be open to the following**:

- 1. Looked After Children and vulnerable children
- 2. Children of critical workers
- 3. Children preparing for public examinations all of Year 11
- 4. Year 7 pupils on Wednesday 15 March and all Year 8 pupils on Thursday 16 March.

For students not in the three priority categories (as defined by the Department for Education) work will be provided on Google Classroom. Year 7 and Year 8 students will also have work provided on Google Classroom for the day they are not in school.

If you are a critical worker and your child did not attend school on the previous strike days, but will be attending school on Wednesday 15 and or Thursday 16 March, I would be grateful if you could email the school at info@mountbatten.hants.sch.uk to let us know that your child will be attending (stating your child's name and tutor group). This is to assist the catering staff in making sure we have adequate provision at break times and to avoid food waste.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, and they are not in school, you will be issued a lunch voucher (as we distributed during lockdown).

Again, I am sorry about the disruption to you and to your child's education. Fortunately, we have been able to increase the availability of provision and, on this occasion, have prioritised the younger students. Should there be further strike days, we will seek to support Years 9 and 10.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Portas Headmaster