

21 April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Re. Planned strike action by the NEU – Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May

Thank you for your understanding during this period of industrial action. Following unsuccessful negotiations, the NEU has announced two further days of planned strike action on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May. **We will only be open to the following**:

- 1. Looked After Children and vulnerable children
- 2. Children of critical workers
- 3. All of Year 10
- 4. Year 9 students on Thursday 27 April and all Year 7 students on Tuesday 2 May.

As you are aware, Year 11 students have been prioritised and have been invited in on the four previous days of industrial action. Now that Year 11 GCSEs have begun and students can undertake meaningful revision at home, it is appropriate to prioritise Year 10 for these two days. Year 11 parents can be assured that colleagues have set revision tasks in all subjects and they have plenty to do!

The school will be open to Year 11 students who have their GCSE Art practical exam on Thursday 27 April.

For students not in the categories listed above (and for Year 7 on Thursday 27 April and Year 9 on Tuesday 2 May) – work will be provided on Google Classroom.

If you are a critical worker and your child did not attend school on the previous strike days, but will be attending school on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May, 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.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Portas Headmaster