



31 January 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers

Strike Action 1 February 2023

The National Education Union have confirmed that the one-day strike, as part of national industrial action over changes to the pay, pensions and terms and conditions of their members, will go ahead.

I write to update you on our arrangements for Wednesday 1 February 2023.

We have worked closely with teaching staff to try and estimate the number involved and it is clear that a significant number of teachers will take part in the strike. In line with accepted protocol we will not require non striking staff to cover for those participating in the strike action.

As set out in our letter of 24 January 2023 we now confirm that our plans will go ahead.

For 1 February 2023, the College will be open to Year 11 pupils and identified vulnerable pupils only. Pupils in Years 7 to 10 will access Remote Learning via SatchelOne from home.

Teachers will set work remotely for their classes using Satchel One. We have explained to pupils how to find the work and have tested their logins.

Attendance for all Year 11 pupils is expected, and they should arrive at the normal time. Year 11 pupils who have PE on this day (on their normal timetable) must bring their PE kit. Buses for Year 11 and identified pupils, will operate as normal and arrangements for school lunches will not change.

I regret the inconvenience this strike may cause you and your family. The decision to limit our pupils' education is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where colleagues have elected to take lawful industrial action, we will have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety of all children. Castle Donington College remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality education. If you have concerns, please get in touch.

Best wishes,

Julie Sheppard
Principal