



Castle Donington College

Principal: Mrs Julie Sheppard

Vice Principal: Mr Nathan Barratt

10th March 2023

Dear Parent and carers,

Strike Days Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

I am writing again to give you advanced information about our arrangements for the third and fourth strike days, scheduled for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023. The National Education Union strike is part of an ongoing dispute with the Government about teacher pay and education funding. These strikes are **not** a dispute against the College, Principal or Trust.

We are anticipating that more teaching staff will be striking on each day than previously, but we will not know the exact number until the day itself. Staff who are striking will not set work for pupils and non-striking staff are not compelled to cover for their striking colleagues, as their unions are also in dispute with the Government.

For both 15th and 16th March 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.

Although the school site is closed to years 7, 8, 9 and 10, we are still passionate about your child's education, and we will be providing two full days of online learning on Satchel One. Pupils know how to find and access the work and have already tested their logins for previous strike days. They have been given exercise books in which to complete work too.

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 am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation is frustrating, and I ask that all members of the College community continue to treat each other with respect. I will of course let you know should these strike days not go ahead.

If you have any questions, please contact the College via postroom@cdcollege.uk

Kind regards

Julie Sheppard
Principal