



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



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Dear Parent Carer

As you may be aware from the media, the National Education Union (NEU) will be continuing its industrial action on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July.

The strike is happening as a result of a dispute between the unions and the secretary of state regarding teachers' pay and is not against the school in any way.

The leadership team's key responsibility is to minimise the impact of this strike action on the children and their education and to place their safeguarding as paramount.

As there are a significant number of NEU members at The Ripley Academy, this will mean a partial school closure on both of these days. On **Wednesday 5th July** the school will only be open to Year 10 and visiting Year 6 students as well as Year 12 students who are scheduled to take their mock examinations that day. On **Friday 7th July** the school will be open to Year 10 and 12 students only. Year 10 students will need to bring their PE kit on both days.

All students in Years 7, 8, and 9 will be expected to complete a programme of remote curriculum lessons from home, which the school will be providing through Classcharts. Should you have any issues accessing remote education then please ring the main reception on 01773 746334 for assistance.

If your child receives free school meals and is not scheduled to be in school on this day you will be able to order and pick up a packed lunch for your child, should you require it. If you would like to do this, please ring the main reception on 01773 746334 prior to 3 pm on Monday 3rd July.

I am sorry about the disruption to your child's education. I do recognise how challenging and frustrating this may be for parents/carers and I remain hopeful that this dispute between Unions and the Government can be resolved quickly.

Yours faithfully

Jan de Rijk

