

To all Parents/Carers

27th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Planned Strike Action – Wednesday 1 February 2023

The National Education Union (NEU) intends to call upon its teacher members to take part in industrial action consisting of strike action on:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Thursday 2nd March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the NEU and the Government over teacher pay and funding to allow schools to pay a fully funded increase in teachers' pay, at a rate greater than inflation, and not because of any issues in our school.

I am writing today to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for **Wednesday 1st February 2023**.

Unfortunately, due to the number of staff in the NEU, attendance for pupils and students will be restricted, and the school will prioritise places for a limited number of vulnerable pupils and students. If your child is eligible, you will be contacted in a separate letter with more information. All other pupils and students in Years 7-13 will be asked to remain at home and will be expected to access lessons via Microsoft Teams if their teacher is available to teach. Pupils will be sent a message on SMHW if they are expected to attend their lesson. Our remote learning policy (including expectations for remote learning and attendance to remote lessons) will be updated and shared with pupils ahead of time.

If your child is in Years 7 or 8 and you would like to borrow a laptop, please get in touch via reception@saintcecilias.london, stating your child's name and year group.

The school day will begin at 8.50am and end at 2.50pm for all pupils and students. Break and lunch will take place at the usual times. Clubs, trips, and other extra-curricular activities will not take place on the strike day.

The Refectory will be open for pupils and students in school. If your child receives a free school meal and they are not in school, you will be issued with a £3 voucher via Wonde. This voucher can be used in any supermarket at any time.

Pupils and students in Year 11, 12 and 13 are advised to review and revise their learning if their teacher is not available to teach. They should use subject specific resources and websites, previously shared by their teachers or the Sixth Form Academic mentor (on SMHW) or resources on the [school website](#).

Potential changes to the school calendar

Should strike action go ahead in March, the following changes will be made to the school calendar:

- KS4 Curriculum Evening for pupils in Year 9 will take place on Wednesday 1st March 2023
- Year 12 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 14th March 2023

I am sorry for disruption caused to you and your child, and the disruption to their learning.
I am working closely with our staff union representatives to stay abreast of the situation, and I will inform you if arrangements change.

Yours sincerely,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher