



## Filey School

8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

### Re: Strike Action

You will no doubt be aware from recent media coverage that the NEU (National Education Union) have declared further strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March

While the planned action is a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not because of issues at Filey School or Coast and Vale Learning Trust, it is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of our students whilst respecting the rights of our staff. In anticipation of this action, we have prepared a response plan to minimise disruption and ensure we can continue to provide a safe and secure environment for our pupils whilst delivering high-quality teaching. Our response plan will ensure the greatest number of vulnerable students, our year 10 students who are taking core subject trial exams and year 11 students, who are studying towards imminent GCSE examinations, are still able to attend school in person.

On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be asked to **study remotely** during strike days. Resources will be available to students via Oak Academy and/or Google Classrooms.

We will provide a **face-to-face onsite education for students in years 10 and 11**. It is imperative that all year 10 students attend school as they will be sitting trial exams which are an essential part of preparation for final GCSE exams. It is imperative that all year 11 students attend school and do not miss any learning time as their final GCSE exams are imminent.

Vulnerable students will also be able to attend school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March in person. This will be by invitation. They will join their classmates in online lessons under the supervision of our staff.

Please be assured, school transport will be running at the usual times. Break and lunch times will operate with appropriate supervision in place in the normal way.

Children who are eligible for **free school meals** will be able to pre-order packed lunches **by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March** via their form tutor.. These will be available for children who usually have free school meals and who will not be on site on the day of the strike to collect on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** between 3:10pm – 4.10pm. Alternatively you may wish to order this on behalf of your son/daughter by telephoning reception or emailing [admin@fi.coastandvale.academy](mailto:admin@fi.coastandvale.academy). Likewise, if your



son/daughter is not comfortable collecting the packed lunch you may wish to collect it on their behalf.

We fully appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and many of us will need to change our plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Above all, Filey School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils whilst delivering high-quality teaching. This will continue to underpin all decisions we make throughout industrial action.

We will, of course, continue to monitor the arrangements in place and make modifications wherever we possibly can to improve support and provision for students wherever possible. If the strike action is called off then we will confirm this as soon as we can and in this eventuality the school will be open as usual to all students.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please contact the academy at [admin@fi.coastandvale.academy](mailto:admin@fi.coastandvale.academy) in the first instance. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MB', written over a horizontal line.

Ms Britton  
Headteacher  
Filey School