

21st April 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Further Strike Action

I am deeply sorry that I need to write to you again regarding further strike action as I understand the inconvenience this may cause. 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:

- Thursday 27th April
- Tuesday 2nd May

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 and those students who are studying for examination subjects are able to attend in person. Therefore, we expect students in Years 10 and 11 to attend school on both strike days.

On **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May** 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 students in Year 10 and 11 attend school as they prepare for external examinations

Vulnerable students will also be able to attend school on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 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 for both of the strike days **by Monday 24**th **April** 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 **Wednesday 26**th **April and Friday 28**th **April** between 3:10pm – 4.10pm. Alternatively you may wish

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to order this on behalf of your son/daughter by telephoning reception or emailing <u>admin@fi.coastandvale.academy</u>. 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 <u>admin@fi.coastandvale.academy</u> in the first instance. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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