



Lees Brook Academy

Wednesday 25th January 2023

Dear parents & carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, which will take place on:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Wednesday 1 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the union and the government and not because of any issues at our school or Trust.

In line with the Department for Education guidance, I can confirm that it is our intention to keep Lees Brook Academy open on the dates above. However, for any industrial action, trade unions do not disclose which staff are in which unions and the staff do not have to tell us in advance if they are going to strike. Therefore, we want to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on these dates. The health and safety of staff and students remains our priority. Year 11, Year 13 and then Year 10 will be our priority year groups due to examination pressures. You may wish to start planning arrangements for childcare provision in the event that your child is not able to come into school.

We are sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating and we ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and we will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

Please be assured that we will seek to provide the best possible support for all of our students whilst giving parents and carers as much notice as possible of any disruption expected as a result of the planned strike action.

We will contact you with further details as and when we have them.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Watson
Principal