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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Term 6 – Start of Week 4 Update – Strike Action

As you will be aware, the NEU teacher's union have announced further strike days in a continuation of their national dispute with the Government over teachers' pay, conditions and national funding levels for education. The next two strike days that will affect Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School are Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023. It is clear that we are no closer to a resolution and there may be further strike days announced in the future. If this is the case, we will keep you informed of the impact.

As has been the case on the previous strike days, a significant number of teaching staff will be affected by the strike which severely compromises the ability of the school to function as normal and impacts on the alternatives that can be put in place. We have continued to explore the best possible models with the information, staffing and resources that we have available, and with each strike day we reassess the context. It remains the case that a mixed approach for the students is the best way to deliver a learning approach on these strike days.

Consequently, on the grounds that there is not sufficient staffing to cover lessons, the number of striking staff is large, the impact on classes is widespread, the coverage of supervision for students is unpredictable and alternatives are limited and not suitable, **the school will close on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023 and move to a remote learning model, as it has done on the previous occasions, with the following exceptions:**

- **A Priority School on site will be in operation on both days** for identified students, under the same arrangements as before
- **Year 12 students should attend on site for both days.** Staff that are not striking will teach normal lessons following the timetable for Sixth Form. For other sessions where staff are not available, students should work in the Hub where they will be overseen and supported by a team of staff
- **The Year 10 field trip to Hornsea on Wednesday 5th July 2023 will go ahead as normal.** This is an essential component of the GCSE course and it is imperative that students attend this event as planned and advertised
- **The Year 12 trip to Sheffield Hallam University for the food nutrition activity day on Friday 7th July 2023 will go ahead as normal.** The students should attend this event as planned following the published information
- **The Year 12 trip to Cambridge taking place that week will go ahead as planned and advertised.** No changes have been made to the published event or plans
- **The Sixth Form trip going to Barcelona between 4th and 7th July 2023 will go ahead as planned and advertised.** No changes have been made to the published event or plans
- **The whole school Sponsored Walk has been moved to Friday 14th July 2023.** This was originally planned for Friday 7th July 2023. The schedule, format and plans for the day remain the same, with the only difference being the change of date

The overview of the arrangements for the strike day for the learning of the different year groups and how they access remote learning are given below. These have not changed from previous strike days. A more detailed document for your reference, explaining the context, impact and arrangements is available on the website by following the link that is on the home page which will take you to an information folder related to the strike. In this folder are a variety of files for your reference.

It is important that students access the remote materials to ensure that they continue with their learning as strongly as possible during the strike days.

We are again sorry for the disruption. In the event of the dispute being resolved and the strike action called off, the school will open as normal. If this happens, the school will be in contact to inform you immediately.

Yours sincerely



Mr M J Cooper
Headteacher

Provision for Students on the Strike Day – Years 7-10

The school will close for Years 7-10 and move to a remote learning model using Teams. The overview is given below.

- Learning will take place on Teams
- A live assembly will take place on both days during Mentor Time. Students will be sent an email to their school account with a link for this event, which they should access at 9.00am
- For lessons, students will be sent an email by their teacher, if they are not absent on the day, with a link for a live lesson. Students should access this at the start of the normal lesson time, be ready to learn with equipment and exercise book/paper and be reading as normal waiting for the start of the lesson. Cameras should be on. Students do not have to wear uniform but should be appropriately dressed in a suitable setting. Screen breaks are built into the times of the lesson to ensure the time is managed carefully and students are not sat staring at screens all day. For this reason, live lessons will be for 45 minutes
- If students do not receive an email link from a teacher this means there will not be a live lesson for that period. In this situation, students should access the guide to active revision from Mr James which can be used to support the consolidation of prior learning to secure and embed knowledge and understanding that will be built on in future learning
- In addition, there is a whole school Wider Curriculum competition for students, with prize, being run by Miss Yates that is accessible via the strike day 'Alternative Curriculum Folder'
- Some staff may be absent for non-strike reasons. Therefore, live lessons will not take place for these staff. In these cases, staff may email subject specific work to the students to complete.

Provision for Students – Years 12

As stated above, Sixth Form students should attend school:

- Students should report to the Hub where they will be met and registered
- They should follow their normal timetable for the day
- If teachers are not present for lessons, they should return to the Hub to study with the work set by staff, or through their own priorities
- The Sixth Form Team will be present to support as normal with academic or pastoral issues and queries

Provision for Students – Vulnerable and Critical Worker Children

We will be running a Priority School as per the provision offered in the previous strike days. This will involve in-school provision for students who satisfy the criteria of being vulnerable, or who have parents and carers who are classed as critical workers. Further details of these categories can be found in our **Microsoft Form, which can be accessed from our website homepage**. Please complete the form if you wish your child or children to attend the Priority School. **The deadline for completion is 4pm on Monday 3rd July 2023.** Confirmation of your child's place will follow shortly.

Please contact Mr Pickles, Assistant Headteacher kpickles@dhfs.uk, with any queries that you may have.

- Priority School students should attend school as normal in full uniform, with full equipment
- Students should use the Chesterfield Road entrance. All other entrances will be closed
- They should arrive on site for 8.50am and report to Phoenix Hall for an assembly at 9.00am
- From assembly, students will be directed to a computer room, where they will be able to access live lesson and online content under the supervision of staff
- The normal school times will run
- The school will operate break and lunch as normal and food will be available.

Provision for Students – Free School Meals

Free school meal students who attend the Priority School will be able to access food as normal. Students who are not on site can book a free school meal via abaxby@dhfs.uk, which can be collected on the morning from school. **Orders should be placed by 11.00am on Monday 3rd July 2023.**