

Monday 27th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware the planned strike for Wednesday 1st March is going ahead

I would like to reiterate that the strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher's pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

As part of our decision-making progress we have carried out a risk assessment and have concluded that a partial closure of the school is required. On Wednesday 1st March, **Year 11 learners and those who have been contacted** that are considered more vulnerable will be able to come into school. We are currently creating a workable timetable for this day as it will not be possible for learners to follow their normal Wednesday timetable.

Due to the strike there will be no After School Club.

We are currently liaising with:

- Educaterers to see if they will be able to provide their normal menu.
- Transport to let them know which learners will not be in school.
- Seeking clarification about food tokens for learners who are entitled to free school meals. As it was possible for tokens to be sent to you last time I do not envisage this being a problem.

Staff are currently preparing work for learners to complete at home and will send this home via email. If you would prefer a printed version of the work please let your child's form tutor know.

I'm very sorry that many of you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Quest Academy remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our learners and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please contact myself on 01788 593 112 or via email at <u>nicola.wells@macintyreacademies.org</u>

Kind regards,

Nicola Wells (Principal)

