



## Cardinal Pole Catholic School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you regarding the next scheduled day of Industrial Action on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.**

You may be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared three more days of strikes which will affect Cardinal Pole over the next few weeks.

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023;**
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023;**
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

As Headteacher, I have to determine the number of striking staff members on each of these days to ensure that the effective and safe provision of education continues to be achieved. I will consider each day in advance, and I will write to parents/carers accordingly.

I am writing to inform you that in relation to the strike action taking place on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.** Cardinal Pole will be open only for students in **Years 11 and 13** and students defined as **vulnerable**.

- Year 11 students should arrive at 8.35am for registration and are expected to sit their mock examinations scheduled for that day as planned. They will be dismissed at 2.30pm;
- Year 13 students should arrive as normal at 8:30am as they will also be sitting their mock examinations. They will be dismissed between 3pm and 4pm dependent upon the exams they are sitting.
- Students classed as vulnerable should arrive as normal at 8:30am;
- Students in Years 7-10 and Year 12 will study from home that day.

Students attending school that day will still have access to catering facilities on a “grab and go” basis.

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

I appreciate that this will create some disruption for parents, and **I thank you once again** for your continued support of Cardinal Pole and your child's education in partnership with us. It is important to say that individual schools will be affected in different ways by this industrial action, and not every school will be able to offer the same level of provision across the borough. We are fortunate to be able to provide continuity for our exam classes.

I will, of course, contact parents and carers to remind you of the strike action and school arrangements via text, and will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible about arrangements for future days of strike action.

If you face any exceptional challenges with childcare on that day, then I will seek to work with families as far as capacity allows. Please contact [enquiries@cardinalpole.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cardinalpole.co.uk) with a short explanation of the issue and a member of my team will aim to get in touch with you within 24 hours.

Yours in service,

Mr A Hall  
**HEADTEACHER**



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