



## Cardinal Pole Catholic School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared seven days of strike over the next two months. The days which affect Cardinal Pole are as follows:

- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023:** All eligible members in England and Wales.
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023:** All eligible members in the following English regions: London, South East, South West.
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023:** All eligible members in England and Wales
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023:** All eligible members in England and Wales.

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 **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**, Cardinal Pole will be open only for students in Years 11 and 13 and students defined as vulnerable. All students will be involved in supervised study and will have access to the school's IT resources to assist in this process.

- Year 11 students should arrive at 9am for registration. They will be dismissed at 2pm;
- Year 13 students should arrive as normal at 8:30am. They will be dismissed in line with their usual arrangements;
- 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 as normal.

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 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 as others locally. We are fortunate to be able to provide a level of continuity for 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 have any questions, please contact [enquiries@cardinalpole.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cardinalpole.co.uk)

Yours in service,

Mr A Hall  
**HEADTEACHER**



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