



7th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Strike Action Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023

As you may be aware from media reports, teachers in the National Education Union in common with nurses, ambulance drivers, train drivers and postal workers, are continuing strike action.

The grievance is not directed at individual schools and colleges but at the government about levels of funding for schools.

Most teachers at Wigston College and Wigston Academy belong to this union and therefore we are writing to you to inform you of our plans for the next strike action to be held on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.

Not only will teachers be on strike but as before there is likely to be further disruption with other staff having to stay at home to look after their children whose schools have closed. We must ensure the health and safety of the site and because we will not have enough staff to safely supervise it, **Wigston Academy will be closed for almost all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.** Remote learning resources are available on our website in all years and students should work from these.

We will remain open for all **Year 11 students** who will have blended learning, comprised of lessons, where teachers are present; online learning, and supervised study and revision. We are also putting into place a catch-up and intervention programme to further boost students' learning.

We will also remain open for identified **vulnerable students**. We will contact the parents and carers of these students directly with more information. Our **Excel** provision will also remain open for all students and learning will be a blended programme for these students.

At **Wigston College**, lessons where possible will be delivered live via teams for students to access from home. However, the College will stay open **for Year 12 and Year 13 students** if they wish to come in for lessons where staff may be present or for independent private study and revision.

For students who have free school meals, Edenred food vouchers to the value of £5 will be emailed to parents.

We are sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating and we hope that the government will sit down with trade unions and reach a satisfactory deal as soon as possible.

In the mean-time we are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and we will inform you as soon as possible if it changes.

As always if you have any questions, please contact us.

Your faithfully,

Wigston Academy and Wigston College