



21st May 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you with a reminder that our school once again faces industrial action by the NASUWT Teachers Union this week. Please note that the union has also informed us about a change to their intended strike dates in June. The new dates below are correct.

The NASUWT Teachers Union are proposing strikes on the following days:

- 23rd & 24th May 2018
- 6th & 7th June 2018 – **8th June has been cancelled** (replaced by 6th June)

I want to reassure you that we are still actively discussing and negotiating with the union and will continue to do so. Thank you to everyone who has shown the school support during this time.

As we mentioned last week, there is no requirement for the union to inform us of which members of staff will take action, and it may be that they will not know themselves, as there is no obligation on members of unions to obey a strike call, so we are giving you as much advance notice as possible.

As with last week, exam preparation and exams will go forward for Years 11 – 13 – examination boards do not allow for exams to be moved or postponed. The Academy will therefore be partially open to Years 11 to 13 **only**. These students will be expected to attend school as normal, in school uniform, for the whole day.

Break and lunch arrangements will remain the same, as will the start and end time of the school day. We will make sure that there are organised revision sessions available on all of the strike dates for these year groups. We will confirm the arrangements as soon as possible for the remaining proposed strike days in June.

In the event that the strike is called off parents and carers will be notified by email, and a letter will be posted 1st class to those parents/carers not registered to receive notifications by email, time permitting. We will also keep you updated via the school website <http://arkhelenswood.org/> of any developments and I encourage you to check the site regularly.

Year 7 parents/carers will receive confirmation of the date for the rescheduled Parents' Meeting at the beginning of next term.

Thank you once again to all of the hardworking students and staff that make up the Ark Helenswood community.

Yours faithfully

Ms T Dohel
Principal



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