



5th June 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

We are writing to inform you that the NASUWT are due to take strike action on Wednesday 6th June and Thursday 7th June, 2018. We are disappointed that industrial action was deemed appropriate by the union, despite efforts by the school to engage in meaningful dialogue.

Our main concern is, as always, the safety, health and wellbeing of our students. Year 11 to 13 students will be within the busiest period of exam preparation and we will endeavour to ensure that this strike will not have a negative impact on their studies at this crucial time.

In order to support them, **the school will remain partially open for both days - to Years 11 to 13 only.** Year 11 to 13 students will be expected to attend school, in school uniform. Break and lunch arrangements will remain the same, as will the start and end time of the school day.

We are aware that class or school closures are inconvenient, so I write to give you advance notice of the likely impact. There is no requirement on unions 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.

We will keep you updated via the school website <http://arkhelenswood.org/> of any developments and encourage you to check it.

We are committed to supporting our students, who deserve the very best education that we can deliver. We are enormously grateful for the dedication and commitment of our staff at Ark Helenswood, and feel it is vital that we continue to work together to address the school improvement priorities and improve the outcomes and life chances of our students.

I would like to reassure parents/carers that we will continue to listen to the union, working together to resolve the remaining issues. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Ms T Dohel
Principal



Principal: Tracy Dohel

