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Dear Parent/Carer

Further to my letter this week I am writing to provide you with additional information about the arrangements that we have put in place to support our students' learning during the NEU strike action which is taking place on Wednesday 1st February 2023. We have followed the statutory guidance issued by the DfE to ensure that vulnerable students and children of critical workers are able to attend the Academy on this day.

Years 7,8,9,11,12 and Year 13. - The majority of students will be asked to remain at home on Wednesday 1st February and asked to study remotely. Teachers who are not striking will provide live online lessons which follow your child's timetable for this day. Lessons can be accessed via our online learning platform – Microsoft Teams.

If a 'live' lesson is not available because a member of staff is striking, we have provided some links below for students to engage in independent study, revision, or research into the topics they are studying.

National Academy: <https://www.thenational.academy/>

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/>

Get Revising: <https://getrevising.co.uk>

Children of Critical Workers will be able to attend the Academy and will engage in online lessons under the supervision of our staff and follow the timings of a normal school day. The Refectory will be open and children who receive free school meals will be provided with a meal. Please also ensure that your child brings their iPad with them, and it is fully charged. If you are a Critical Worker and want your child to attend the Academy on Wednesday 1st February, **please contact us using the email address provided, by the end of Tuesday 31st January** to confirm your child's attendance.

Please provide your child's name, year group and your job

Email: KimEdey@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Vulnerable students and Eliot students will be expected to attend the Academy on Wednesday 1st February. You will receive a separate letter providing you with information about arrangements for your child's attendance at the Academy. Please also ensure that your child brings their iPad with them, and it is fully charged.

Year 10 students are scheduled to be on Work Experience on Wednesday 1st February and should continue to do so. Some students have placements in schools, and we will contact you independently to confirm if we need to make alternative arrangements for your child on this day.

If your child receives Free School Meals, we have planned for them to collect a packed lunch from the Refectory after school on Tuesday. Lunches will need to be refrigerated overnight.

The NEU has indicated that they will continue strike action for a further three days on the **2nd March and the 15th and 16th March**. I will write to you in advance of each date to confirm arrangements.

Thank you for your support.



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