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28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear families,

**Re: Strike Action**

I hope this letter finds you well.

Following my email to you on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, I am now in a position to confirm the impact that the proposed strike being undertaken by members of the National Education Union will have on your child on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not Rye College, it is important that we respond accordingly. As such, the senior leadership team at Rye College has been working closely with staff in order to plan for the day. At this stage, we understand that a significant number of colleagues from Rye College will be taking industrial action.

We have looked at the school timetable for that day to ensure we can still manage the safe supervision of students while minimising the impact on learning with reduced staffing levels in place.

Therefore, if the strike action goes ahead, *Rye College will remain open for **restricted attendance** (absence will be authorised).*

***Students should remain at home during Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March unless specifically invited to attend.***

The arrangements for on-site provision are as follows:

- *ALL Year 11s are invited attend two masterclasses on Science and English between 11am and 1pm (please enter school via reception);*
- *For all other students, the school day will follow usual timings;*
- *Students will be supervised by teachers and associate staff;*
- *Students will complete the same work as set for those off-site;*
- *The Safeguarding, Student and SEND Hub team will be available throughout;*
- *There will first aid trained staff on-site throughout;*
- *The canteen will be open and food will be available.*

Families of those students, who are being invited in, will be contacted separately over the coming days. If you are a critical worker (click [link](#) for definition), please contact us, if you wish your child/ren to attend school on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March via [office@ryecollege.co.uk](mailto:office@ryecollege.co.uk).



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*For students remaining at home, work will be posted via ClassCharts for each year group from across a range of subjects.*

I apologise for the need to make changes to the school day and for any inconvenience this causes you. It appears unlikely that the proposed industrial action will be averted, but if this were to happen, I will write to you to confirm that the school will be open as usual.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please email [office@ryecollege.co.uk](mailto:office@ryecollege.co.uk) in the first instance. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Please be aware that currently, further strike action is planned for the dates 15<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. I will write to you again with details of the impact this action may have on the school closer to the time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. D. Downes  
Headteacher

