Featherstone High School

Founding Member of the Grand Union MAT

20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Potential Industrial Action

As you have probably heard earlier this week, members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted in favour of strike action in connection with a national dispute with the Secretary of State for Education over teachers' pay.

The days currently planned for strike action in our region are:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

Unfortunately, the action is likely to result in Featherstone High School not being able to open to all students on the above days. We are currently working to ascertain the likely impact the strike will have on our school, and to identify our most vulnerable students.

I appreciate that this industrial action could cause significant disruption to the learning of our students, and that families will have to make alternative arrangements for childcare during these days should they not be able to attend school. I am sorry for the inconvenience this may cause, but this dispute is with the Department of Education and is very much out of the school's control.

We will do our best to open the school to as many students as possible on the days listed above, where it is safe to do so. I thought, however, it would be helpful to let you know as early as possible, so that you have an opportunity to consider alternative arrangements should these be necessary.

I will write again closer to the time, once we know a little more about the likely impact on our school and the measures which can be taken to operate with regard to the health and safety of students. In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Walters
Headteacher