

Our Ref *JDR/jd/ Strike 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July*

29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

**RE: Strike Action Update - Partial Closure of Queen Katharine Academy (QKA) on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

As you will be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced that they will be taking part in industrial action on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 due to a national dispute with the Government around pay and school funding.

I am writing to you to update on arrangements for the day. While predicting the impact of strike action is difficult, we are aware that some of our staff are members of the NEU and are, therefore, likely to strike.

All schools across the country are required to have an appropriate number of staff, based on the number of students, that need to be in school for health and safety reasons and, unfortunately, we are likely to fall below this number.

**We, therefore, have no choice but to close to students in Year 7 - 9 on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

**We will, however, remain open as normal for all Year 10 and Year 12 students.**

In addition, there will be a provision for Key Worker and Vulnerable Children for all year groups (parents and carers of those students will be contacted separately).

Please complete [this link](#) if this facility is required for your child by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2pm.

**Students will need to ensure they arrive in full school uniform as usual.** Students entitled to Free School Meals will be issued on the day with a voucher sent by email via our provider, Wonde. If you have any queries, please contact Kirsty Cleworth: [kirsty.cleworth@qka.education](mailto:kirsty.cleworth@qka.education)

During their time at home, work for students will be set on Teams in the same way as any home learning, for more information please click [this link](#) to the website.

The school will reopen to everyone on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and then again on Monday 10 July (following the strike day on the 7<sup>th</sup> July).

I apologise for the disruption these decisions will cause, but I want to assure you that we will always act in the best interests of our students' safety and wellbeing.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Yours sincerely



**Miss J Driver**  
**Head of School**

