

27th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you are aware, the National Education Union has released a series of strike dates in the coming weeks as part of its ongoing national dispute.

Dates: 1st February, 1st March, 15th March and 16th March

In response to strike action we have considered how best to tailor provision. I can confirm that the following arrangements for these dates are as follows to enable forward planning.

The Academy will be partially open

- Early Years (Nursery and Reception) provision will remain unchanged
- All KS1 children (Year 1 and 2) will attend the academy
- Year 3 children will also attend the academy
- Year 4, 5 and 6 children will work remotely **

- Forward facing provision will be in place for children with SEND, along with children of Front line critical workers (Key public service workers, i.e. Blue Light, NHS, Care, Education)*

** Year 4, 5 and 6 will be provided with home learning and an overview shared on MCAS (My child at school app) and any relevant work sent home to complete. Written work can be recorded in their purple books for Home Learning.

Please note that all our children who are entitled to Free School Meals, will be supplied with a packed lunch to take home the night before the strikes.

*If you are a front line Critical worker please email <u>generalenguiries@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk</u> to allow the academy to know the number of children expected to attend.

If you are a parent or carer for a child with SEND please contact our Inclusion Leader, <u>mrsgrant@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk</u> Thank you for your cooperation.

I understand that making alternative arrangements for your children during this time may cause elements of disruption or frustration. Decisions have not been taken lightly and are reflective of professionals striving for a shared outcome, together.

As always, I thank you for your patience and understanding. Should there be any changes during this period, I will notify you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Mrs E. Nicholls Principal

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