

30th June 2023



**THE
COWPLAIN
SCHOOL**

Headteacher
Mr IR Gates MA NPQH

Dear Parent

RE: Strike Action from members of the NEU - Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023

I am sorry to write to you again with news that, as you probably know, members of the NEU are striking next Wednesday 5th July and the following Friday 7th July. As usual, many staff at Cowplain have been supportive in letting me know their intentions, which legally they do not need to do, and so I can outline the arrangements for next week to you now.

For both strike days, given the number of NEU members indicating they will strike and the uncertainty in securing supply staff, I must advise that only students in Year 10 should attend on Wednesday 5th July and only students in Year 7 should attend on Friday 7th July.

For students who need to stay at home, online work should be completed, based on the following sites:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/secondary>

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

<https://sparxreader.com/m>

<https://sparxmaths.com/>

I wanted to explain our rationale as to why we have selected those year groups; as well as Year 10 being in the last year of GCSE and so having the least amount of time left in school, we are asking Year 7 and Year 10 to attend on one day each because they have the fewest classes on those days that will be affected by the strike.

We will, of course, look to prioritise Years 8 and 9 should further industrial action be announced.

Yours sincerely

Mr I R Gates
Principal