



**20<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Dear parents/carers,

### **Strike dates at Farnborough Spencer Academy**

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU (National Education Union) have declared strike action, which will take place on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the **unions and the government over teacher's pay**, and not because of any issues at Farnborough Spencer Academy.

### **This letter is to confirm arrangements for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

We are determined to support our young people, and we will be inviting **ALL Year 11 students**, as well as vulnerable students, to attend the Academy on these two days. **Year 11 students will be completing their normal timetable, as we head towards their examinations.**

We will contact parents of vulnerable students via Synergy to inform them of this **before** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, and we trust that you will work with us in supporting your child to attend.

The start and end times of the day will run **as normal** for all students.

The student gate will be open for these students from 8am, and breakfast club will be in the main school building.

In addition, there is a planned **Year 10 Photography trip on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. I am pleased that this trip will run as planned. If your child is involved in this, then further information will be shared over the next week.

I'm sorry to inform you that Farnborough Spencer Academy will be **closed to all other students on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day (unless we contact you directly).

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available. Information about future strike dates will be shared nearer the time.

### **Work for students to complete**

Some class work, along with assignments, can be accessed through your child's Synergy account. However, striking staff are not required to set work. Therefore, students may use the following as additional work and complete any outstanding assignments on the following platforms:

- Educake – [Educake | Low stakes testing for students](#)
- Sparx – <https://sparxmaths.com/>
- Seneca – <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

### **Students who receive free school meals**

Students who are eligible for free school meals will be able to collect a free school meal from the Sports Hall **between 11:00am and 11:30am on each day**. They should report to the Sports Hall at the front of the Academy at this time.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. It is my sincere hope that the government and unions will be able to come to an agreement over these issues.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Head of Year using synergy.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr G Smith**  
**Executive Principal**