



# DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy 

27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer.

As you will have heard on the national news, the National Education Union is taking industrial action on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, with possible further days of action on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Members of the union taking action cannot be compelled to say whether they are striking until the actual day of action.

We have therefore decided that on 1<sup>st</sup> February we will be open for **Year 7, 10 and 11, Endeavour and vulnerable students** only and students are asked to come in **at the normal school time**. If you have a vulnerable child in year 8 or 9 we will contact you separately to ask if you need them to attend.

Students from Year 8 and 9 will be provided work on our website which will be clearly signposted. If your child has a free school meal, they will be entitled to a 'grab bag' which can be collected from our Reception. You must inform us if your child intends to collect a grab bag by email [contact@darwenvale.com](mailto:contact@darwenvale.com) by 3.00pm Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. The email must state the child's name, Year Group and Form Group.

For any future days of industrial action, we will look to rotate year groups to attend school on those days if we are not able to fully open.

For students attending on 1<sup>st</sup> February there may be an extended tutor time or collapsed classes to allow the school to arrange adequate cover for the rest of the day.

Students in Years 7, 10 and 11, attendance at school is mandatory. As a reward we will be offering the chance for you and your child to be entered into a prize draw. To be entered into the draw your child only needs to attend for the full day. The prize will be a £50 Amazon voucher for the student and a £50 supermarket voucher for the parent/carers. There will be prizes available for each year group. Winners will be posted on our website the following week.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Little  
Principal