## **The Warriner School**

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

You may be aware from media coverage that some teaching unions have declared strike action, and the first one will take place on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the Government and not because of any issues at our school.

I am writing to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. It is with much regret that we have had to make the difficult decision to keep three year groups at home due to the number of teaching colleagues that have confirmed they will be striking. We need to do this in order to comply with health & safety and safeguarding around our school site.

Therefore, students in **Years 9, 10 and 12** will not be required to come to school next Wednesday. There will be some work on the GO homework platform for them to access during the day, which they can complete as necessary. Please be aware that striking staff do not need to set work and we cannot direct non striking staff to do so. All extra-curricular activities on that day will not run as normal.

For students in Years 7, 8, 11 and 13, school, as we are currently planning, will be open and we will endeavour to keep the day as close to normal as possible. However, if early next week, we learn that there are going to be more staff striking, then we might need to revise our decision and close more or all year groups. We will let you know as soon as possible if this is the case and please keep an eye on our website for any updates.

I am sorry for those of you who will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and/or 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. The Warriner School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and delivering high-quality teaching.

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 me: <a href="mailto:s.nicholls@warriner.oxon.sch.uk">s.nicholls@warriner.oxon.sch.uk</a>

I hope you have a good weekend.











With very best wishes

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Sharon Nicholls Head of School