



23 January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

NEU Strike Action

You may be aware from media coverage that the teaching union, NEU, have declared strike action, which will take place on 1 February, 1 March and 15 and 16 March 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 getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for **1 February 2023**:

- All **Year 11** students should attend school as normal, 8.45am-3.10pm
- School will be closed for students in **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10**. Online learning will be available via Firefly
- Students in **Years 12 and 13** should attend school as normal as some lessons will be running and skills sessions will be happening. When students are not in these sessions students will complete independent study and coursework
- Students who receive free school meals are invited to collect a packed lunch between **11.45am-12.15pm**. If your child is eligible and you would like to request a packed lunch, please complete this form by Monday 30 January <https://forms.office.com/e/pP5XieYb5e>
- There is a limited number of places for vulnerable students in Years 7-10. Please complete this form by Thursday 26 January at 4pm <https://forms.office.com/e/TEQhLdb2RC> and we will contact you if you have been allocated a space.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and/or that they will experience further 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. Castle Phoenix Trust and Foxford School remain 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.

Yours faithfully

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