



# Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parent/ Carers

## Strike Action 15th and 16th March

Further to our previous letters, we are writing to update you regarding the planned industrial action on **Wednesday and Thursday, 15th-16th March**. This further industrial action is envisaged to affect a similar number of teachers to our previous strike days. Should this week's strike action be cancelled, we will write to you to explain that school will continue as normal. We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and we will inform you if there are any changes to these plans as soon as possible.

We want to reassure you that we are doing everything to minimise that disruption, especially for those students who will be sitting exams this year. At Atlantic we have a number of staff in the NEU and in addition, we are unable to ask members of other unions to cover classes for staff who take industrial action. Staff in the NEU are under no obligation to tell us if they will or will not be in school during these days.

In situations like this, safety is our biggest priority and we will only arrange lessons in school where we can ensure a safe ratio of staff to students. We are in a position to explain how this second day of strike action may affect you and your child.

On these dates we will be open to **Years 1, 3, 4, and 11 students** only. We are also asking students in **Year 10 Drama and Music** to come in for **their controlled assessment time**. We are sorry if this presents a problem to parents of students in other year groups. We do understand that this decision may cause some difficulties to some families and we have not taken this decision lightly.

For students who will remain at home, on-line tasks will be provided on their online platforms. Parents of students who have been asked to remain at home and are in receipt of free school meals (FSM) will receive a supermarket voucher by email on the day; Wednesday 15th March.

We continue to recognise and respect the right of our staff to take part in industrial action and ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect. We understand that the situation may be frustrating and thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Principals

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