

## **Atlantic** Academy Portland

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Dear Parent/ Carers

## Strike Action 27th April and 2nd May

We are sure you are already aware that the next round of industrial action by the NEU will be going ahead on Thursday 27 April 2023 and Tuesday 2 May 2023. We had hoped to be able to accommodate more students in school, but with the possible number of staff taking action this is just not going to be possible.

Therefore, on Thursday 27 April 2023 and Tuesday 2 May 2023 the school will be open to **Years 1, 2, 3, 4, and 11 students**. We are also asking **Year 10 students** to come in on **Thursday 27th** from **10am until after lunch 1:45pm.** 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.

Should the 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 in a few weeks time.

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; Thursday 27th April.

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

Mrs Bishop Principals Miss Heppell













