

20 January 2023

Dear all Parents & Carers

I hope this email finds you all well and looking forward to the weekend

Teacher Strike Action:

I am sure you are aware of current industrial strike action that is being proposed for a number of public working sectors. The first of the teaching strike action days has been announced, and this will be on Wednesday 1st February. Firstly, I would like to show my solidarity and support to any public sector worker who is standing up for appropriate pay and conditions, and although these strikes (as we have seen in other sectors) do have inevitable connotations, are for valid reasons. What I want to ensure on 1st February, is that we are still able to offer a quality educational experience for the students of CoPA. I am liaising with the union representatives to try and ensure I have as much information in advance as possible. This will allow me to make a decision on what we offer on Wednesday 1st February. I will ensure that any decision that is made, is communicated to you by the end of next week (27th January).

Breakfast Club:

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of our school Breakfast Club provision. This runs on a daily basis and a hot and cold breakfast is available to all students. This is served from the canteen between 7:45am - 8:15am. Any student is welcome to come to the canteen between these times and have breakfast as part of this provision. There are different hot options each day and always fruit and yoghurt available.

Safeguarding Contacts:

I am delighted to launch a new contact email for students who may be suffering from some any level of anxiety or mental health barrier. We have created an email of:

ineedtotalk@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org

Students can use this email if they do not feel confident enough to verbalise any worries or issues they may have, to a member of staff. This email will be picked up and actioned by a member of the Safeguarding Team. If students or parents & carers want to specifically speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team the personnel and details are below:

Mr D Baines (Designated Safeguarding Lead DSL) dbaines@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org

Mrs E Warner (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead DDSL)

ewarner@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org

Miss C Todd (Safeguarding Officer) ctodd@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org

Mrs E Fleming (Family Key Worker & Mental Health Lead)

efleming@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org

Mrs F Parkinson (Attendance & Admissions Officer)

fparkinson@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org

SEND Survey:

Please see below for a message from the Local Authority regards a survey for parents & carers with students with SEND:

Peterborough SEND Parents and Carers Annual Survey – reaching as many as possible

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person (up to age 25) with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities in Peterborough? If so please complete this short survey about your views and experiences. It is anonymous and the results will be collated and shared with Education, Health and Social Care to inform planning. The survey closes on the 31st January and you can find a link to it on this page [SEND Information Hub \(Local Offer\) | Peterborough Information Network](#) Thank you!

Kind Regards

Mr B Pearce
Principal