

2nd November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

School Strike for Gaza - 3rd November 2023

The recent and ongoing events in the Middle East represent an emotive and deeply concerning international conflict, which affects very deeply many in our school community. You may have seen in the media that there is a Student Strike planned for tomorrow to show solidarity with those affected by the ongoing conflict. I wanted to provide some support to families as they consider their response to this event, and to reiterate to you our Academy's position.

If your child does not attend school, we will follow our normal absence procedures.

If your child does attend the strike, they can do the following to ensure they are safe:

- Plan their journey to and from the strike – it is possible that their normal travel route will be busy,
- Understand that the centre of the city may be very busy,
- Ensure their phones are charged and they have credit on them should they need to make a phone call as well as having a back up plan for communication if their phone does not work,
- Ensure they are wearing clothing appropriate to the weather; it is likely to be cold and wet,
- Stay with the people they have planned to go with throughout their time at the event,
- Seek support from organisers, who will be clearly visible, or the Police, who will be in attendance, should they become separated from the people they have attended with,
- Tell their parents / carers they are intending to go, and
- Stay in regular contact with their parents / carers throughout the day.

Please do take the time to discuss this with your child.

We will continue also to adopt locally-led appropriate initiatives (assemblies, projects, group activities) which ensure that pupils are aware of the international focus on this agenda and help to inform and educate our pupils about how they can use their powerful voices both within and beyond the usual school curriculum.

Best wishes



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