



13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

**Bus Strikes: from Thursday 16th March 2023**

We are writing to you to make you aware that we have been informed that there is a National Express Bus Strike, planned to start on Thursday 16th March 2023. We do not currently know how long this will go on for, but we have been told that this will have an impact on all our school buses that are operated by National Express.

We understand the importance of your child being in school and want to minimise any further disruption to their education. School will be open as normal during the bus strikes. Therefore, you will need to make alternative arrangements for your child to get to and from school, where possible. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause, but this is a situation we are not in control of.

List of buses that WILL DEFINITELY be affected:

- 53 – National Express (School Bus)
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The strike will impact students who use school bus services from Thursday 16th March, until a resolution to the strike has been reached. National Express have shared a press release informing the public that they will be running a limited public bus service. We, of course, hope that the strikes will be averted but we need to plan for them going ahead.

To support families, while these strikes are on, we will have staff on duty from 7.30am if you need to drop your child off earlier than normal. We will also provide supervision till 4.15pm to allow for a later pick up.

If you have any concerns regarding making arrangements for getting your child to school when the bus strikes are on, please can you email [info@westcoventryacademy.org](mailto:info@westcoventryacademy.org)

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely

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