

31st January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Strike action by the National Education Union

As you will be aware from my previous letters and media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, which is currently planned to take place on the following dates.

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

As there has been no progress on talks between Unions and the Education Secretary the strike for tomorrow Wednesday 1st February will go ahead.

After conducting a risk assessment based on the knowledge, I have about my staff's intention to strike I am sorry to say the school will be partially closed on 1st February.

- In line with the Department for Education's advice I have offered places to parents who are critical workers. Thank you to those parents that have notified us by the deadline I set that you wish to send your children in. Places will be provided for your child. Also, we will provide places for vulnerable students, you will have been contacted in person and if you expressed your intention that they do attend this is fine. Therefore, these students should attend school as normal on 1st February. Students will not follow the normal curriculum. They should report to the library when they arrive at school.
- The School will also be open as normal for Year 12 and 13 students. Some lessons may be cancelled though, and students should bring enough work to complete independently during these times. Students should report to the Main School Hall at the normal time for registration.
- The school will also be open for Year 11 students who will follow their normal timetable. I have secured agency staff to cover some lessons which would otherwise be cancelled. However, staff are not allowed to set work for these lessons so students should bring in revision or reading materials to work on during these times. At this stage Year 11 may need to be dismissed at 2.20pm. I will know more on the day itself and we will contact parents if this is the case. Year 11 students should report as normal to their registration bases at 8.40am.
- ***Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 must remain home on these days.*** Teachers that are not striking will set work to complete via 'Show My Homework'. Our website has a lot of additional learning available, follow the Curriculum tab and then Home Learning and then to each relevant year group.

Students on Free School Meals that are not in school can come into school at lunch time to eat. Lunchtime supervision works differently under these conditions. Also, a reminder that any unspent Free School Meal money automatically carries over to the next day.

I am sorry that you may have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they may experience further disruption to their education.

I will inform you as soon as possible if or when I know further details for the proposed future strike action.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawrence Smith
Headteacher