

20th April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Strike action by the National Education Union

Further to my previous letters, and as I am sure you have seen in the media, I regret to inform you that there has been no progress on talks between Unions and the Education Secretary. This means further industrial action has been announced by the National Education Union on the following dates. **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.**

Therefore, we will follow the Department for Education's (DFE) advice by giving priority to vulnerable children, children of critical workers and then, if possible, those sitting public examinations this summer.

The School will therefore operate as it has done on previous strike days.

- 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 lesson 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.
- **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.

In line with the DFE's advice I have offered places to parents who are critical workers. I will use the same list as previously but any more parents that would like to take up these places can inform main reception by 3pm on Wednesday 26th April or email post@wexham.slough.sch.uk. We will also provide places for vulnerable students, you will have been contacted in person before the first strike and if you expressed your intention that they do attend this is fine. Therefore, these students should attend school as normal on 27th April and 2nd May. Students will not follow the normal curriculum. They should report to the library when they arrive at school.

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 and continues to do so for a week.

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. Hopefully unions and government can resolve this as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Mr Lawrence Smith
Headteacher