

Dear Parents and Carers

We are in the process of preparing for a day of strike action by the National Education Union (NEU) on Wednesday 1st February. In both secondary schools this is the union with the largest staff representation and in preparing for a day of industrial action we have to work on the basis that the majority of those staff who are members, will be out of school on that day.

Our responsibility is to open the school as effectively as possible on that day whilst remaining within the safe level of staffing and also to give enough notice for parents to make preparations for childcare on that day.

Given the information that we currently have available to us, our intention is to open for exam year groups at both schools, (Year 11 at The Roundhill Academy and Wreake Valley Academy, and Year 13 at Bradgate Sixth Form). In addition to these year groups, we will be able to accommodate a number of students on site for whom childcare is not available or alternative arrangements cannot be made.

The link below allows parents/carers to notify us if they require childcare for their child on Wednesday 1st February.

Please complete the request form on the link below, no later than 12noon on Monday 30th January if your child is in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 and will need to be in school on that day.

Click this link to complete the request form - <https://forms.office.com/e/0Pt3kQW9ei>

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 that are in school will be able to access a range of academic activities but will be grouped according to age ranges and supported by staff that are in school.

Students from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 who are not in school on that day, will have access to work which will be shared on Arbor prior to the 1st February. We will also provide some activities for students who do not have access to a computer or the internet at home.

Students in Year 11 and Year 13 will follow their usual timetable but where their usual member of staff is not available they will be working on revision activities or other directed tasks.

Attendance checks on Wednesday 1st February

If we are notified to expect a student on February 1st and they do not attend then attendance checks will happen as usual. Attendance checks will happen for all Year 11 and Year 13 students as it is a typical school day for these year groups.

Catering

Our kitchen will be open as usual and will provide a range of food for students that are in school.

School Transport

School buses will be available as normal. If your child travels to or from school by taxi provided by the Council/other provider please indicate on the form (see link to form above) whether you will need that transport for your child on the day of the strike, Wednesday 1st February.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and they are not in school on the 1st February, we can provide a packed lunch for them for that day. Please tell us if your child requires a packed lunch by completing the relevant section on the form above. Click on the link above.

Packed lunches will be available to collect at the end of the school day on Tuesday 31st January.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Tim Marston
Headteacher