

Dear Parents and Carers

Planned Strike Action for Wednesday 1st March 2023

It is anticipated that strike action by the National Education Union (NEU) will go ahead on 1st March, if we are advised otherwise we will immediately let you know. 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.

Having reviewed our plans from the last Strike Day (1st February) our intention is to open for Year 11 students who have either a Science or a PE exam, these students will come into school as normal and remain in school all day. **Please indicate on the form on the link below if your child has mock exams that day and will be in school.**

Students in Year 11 who do not have any mock exams can opt to come into school for supervised revision sessions. Students who opt to come in to school for these revision sessions will come in at normal time and be in school all day until 3pm. **Please indicate the form on the link below if your child is in Year 11 and has opted to come into school on Wednesday 1st March for supervised revision sessions.**

In addition, 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 March. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 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. Should we receive a high level of requests we will need to look at how many students we can safely accommodate with the levels of staffing available to us.

Please complete the form on the link below, no later than 12noon on Monday 27th February. Here is the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/0Pt3kQW9ei>

Work will be set for English, Maths and Science for students who are not in school. Students can access the work via Arbor. Students who are not able to access IT facilities are encouraged to read.

Attendance checks on Wednesday 1st March

If we are notified to expect a student on 1st March and they do not attend then attendance checks will happen as usual.

Catering

Our kitchen will be open as usual and will provide a range of food for students that are in school, although the range of choice may be limited.

School Transport

School buses will be available as normal. Please indicate on the form on the link above if your child travels by bus and requires transport on the day of the strike.

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 March.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and they are not in school on the 1st March, 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 28th February.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Tim Marston
Headteacher