

9th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Industrial Action

Further to our correspondence in January, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March has been designated by members of the NEU as a strike day; I am writing to update you about our plans.

We stated that our intention is to keep schools open wherever possible and take all reasonable steps to ensure that this is the case. However, the school needs to ensure that in doing so it is able to meet the health and safety requirements for pupils and staff who do not wish to strike. Reviewing the provision and staffing from the second strike day, we have taken the following decisions:

Wednesday 15th March: Y11 usual school day

On Wednesday 15th March we will open to all Year 11 students for a normal school day and open to identified students across other year groups. All other children will be set work to complete at home. Y11 will need to arrive at 08.15 and will leave at 14.35 as normal.

Thursday 16th March: Y10 usual school day

On Thursday 16th March, we will open to all Y10 students for a normal school day and open to identified students across other year groups. All other children will be set work to complete at home. Y10 will need to arrive at 08.15 and will leave at 14.35 as normal.

Identified students in school

We have identified a number of students across year groups who we think will benefit from completing work in school on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Families of these students will be contacted to confirm this with them. Identified students will come to school for their usual time (to be on site by 08.15) entering through the usual entrance. Students will finish at the normal time of 14.35.

Students learning from home, free school meals

For students who are not in school and are learning from home on the 15th or 16th March who usually receive a free school meal, they will be able to pick up a grab bag from the canteen during dismissal on Tuesday 14th March. For Years 7, 8 and 9 this will cover both Wednesday and Thursday. Year 11 will be able to collect a grab bag on Wednesday 15th March when they leave school on this day.

Remote learning

For students who are learning from home, remote learning will be set. Links to this work will be available from our website and we will be communicating to what to do and how to access their work. The work is largely accessed online. If your child will not be able to access the online work, due to not having the internet or a device, please contact school so we can arrange alternative work for them.

Again, we realise that this may cause you disruption, for which we apologise. Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your patience during this time.

Yours sincerely,



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