

20th April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Industrial Action

Further to our correspondence about Industrial Action, Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May have 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 previous strike days, we have taken the following decisions:

Thursday 27th April: Y11 until 13.00

On Thursday 27th April we will open to all Year 11 students for a shortened 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 13.00 unless your child has received a detention in which case they will be served on this day.

Tuesday 2nd May: Y11 for a full school day

On Tuesday 2nd May, we will open to all Y11 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. There will be no P6 intervention on this day.

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 Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. 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 27th April and 2nd May who usually receive a free school meal, they will be able to pick up a grab bag from the canteen during dismissal on Wednesday 26th April and 28th April. Year 11 will be able to collect a grab bag on Thursday 27th April when they leave school at 13.00.

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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