



27 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

STRIKE ACTION – WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2023

Following on from our letter of last week with regard to the National Educational Union (NEU) calling for strike action, we now inform you of our plan for Wednesday 1 February 2023.

We took the decision to prioritise our Y11 students, who are preparing for their GCSE's this summer and the school will remain open to them. Therefore, all Y11 students will be expected to attend school as normal on 1 February 2023.

We are also mindful of our duty of care to vulnerable and students of keyworkers. Again, we took the decision to remain open for this cohort and for safeguarding reasons, parents of these students who wish their child to attend school on 1 February 2023, are required to complete the form so we can plan accordingly. The form is in the following link <https://forms.gle/HFx8esmde2wZiZKG8>. Please ensure that if you have indicated your child will be in school you will need to follow the normal absence procedure should they not be able to attend.

For our remaining students in Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10, work will be set on Google Classrooms for remote learning.

For those students in the years above who are eligible for free school meals and **not required to be in school** a £5 food voucher will be issued in the normal way. For those students in school, catering will continue as normal.

Whilst the March dates are still some way ahead, you will know that the NEU have indicated that further strike action may take place on 1 March, 15 and 16 March. We do appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. We will ensure that you are informed in advance of each date to confirm any changes to arrangements and whether the strike is going ahead.

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the Government, and not the school, it is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of our students whilst respecting the rights of our staff

Please be assured that if the strike action is called off, we will communicate this to you at the earliest opportunity and, in this eventuality, the school will be open as usual to all students.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

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