

8th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following on from two previous days of strike action undertaken by the NEU, there are two further strikes currently scheduled for Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

This letter is to inform you that learning for many pupils will again, unfortunately, be disrupted on these days.

In practice, what this means is that:

- Like the previous two occasions, for most pupils in Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 we are having to ask that pupils stay at home and they are encouraged to use the various online packages to consolidate their prior learning (e.g. such as using Bedrock, DrFrostMaths, SENeca, BBC bitesize, Oak Academy etc). The curriculum tab on our website has information about the topics that pupils have been learning in this half term in their various subjects and they can use this to help guide their studies if they wish.
- For all pupils in Y11, school will be open and we will be able to supervise and support their revision in preparation for their upcoming GCSE exams which commence in 7 school weeks.
- For pupils in all years who are supported by a social worker, those with an EHCP and other pupils who we know are vulnerable, we will also be able to provide supervision in school for those pupils should parents wish to send them in. Pupils will spend the day consolidating learning and accessing various online learning packages. We will contact you in the coming days to confirm that your child fits into this category and is able to come in to school on the strike day. **If you do not hear from us by lunchtime on Friday 10th March and your child is in Y7, Y8, Y9 or Y10, then your child is to remain at home on the strike day.**

If your child is not due in school on the strike day, but does receive free school meals normally, we will provide a £5 supermarket voucher via text (like we did on the previous two strike days). For pupils that come into school on the strike day, food will be served in the usual way in our canteen.

Furthermore, as per our published calendar, Friday 17th March is a scheduled INSET day for staff. This means school will be closed to all pupils on that day. Whilst I appreciate the timing

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of this is not ideal following on from the strike days, it is not possible to change this at this late stage. The content of our INSET day and the scheduling of speakers is prepared months in advance to support the continued development of our staff so that we can continue to improve the quality of our provision for your children.

I'm sorry about the disruption to you, to your family and to your child's education next week. I continue to understand that this situation may be frustrating and hope the government and the teaching unions manage to arrive at a resolution soon so we can continue to work with your children in an uninterrupted way so they are supported to become the best version of themselves.

Thanks again for your support and your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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