

10th March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

As you are aware the National Education Union (NEU) have indicated that they plan on taking four days of industrial action. The final two days of this action are scheduled for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. The industrial action is against the government and is affecting schools nationally.

Throughout the strike days we have carried out risk assessments to ensure we have enough staff in school to supervise students. I am pleased to say that we can invite Years 11 and 10 into school next week. It is with regret that I am unsure if I will have enough staff members to accommodate any other year groups. Therefore, I am having to ask Years 7, 8 and 9 to remain at home on the two days above. I know that on the back of this week, this will be very disappointing for parents and children. I have made the decision to invite Years 11 and 10 into school as they are the year groups taking GCSE examinations soon. I hope you understand this decision.

For students in Years 7, 8 and 9 Live Lessons will take place via Google Classroom. We will also ensure that over time, our curriculum, and lessons will be amended to cover any topics and learning that has been affected by the industrial action and inclement weather.

Students in Years 11 and 10 should bring in some revision materials for their lessons which may be affected by staff absence. All students in Years 11 and 10 should attend school on these days.

For those students eligible for a free school meal, we will contact parents via a Google Form so you can book meals to be taken home on Tuesday after school.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation will be frustrating for you. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the union and the government over funding for schools and teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school or in our Trust.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Clayton Headteacher

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