



June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I write in regards to the forthcoming strike action by The National Education Union (NEU).

Teachers from the NEU will be striking on Wednesday, 5th and Friday, 7th July 2023.

As Executive Headteacher, my paramount responsibility is for the health and safety of children and staff. Each school is unique, with varying numbers of staff who are members of NEU, and so what may work within one school might not be appropriate in another.

Striking workers are not required to inform their employer as to whether or not they will take strike action until the day of the strike. Also, I can not compel staff to undertake work, such as covering classes, for staff who are striking. Staff who are striking do not have to set work for their classes.

Parents and carers prefer advance notice of any closure to the school, or of particular year groups, rather than being informed on the day. I am, therefore, sharing with you in advance the plans for the day of the strike.

School will be closed to Years 7, 8, and 9 on Wednesday, 5th and Friday, 7th July 2023.

Children should work from home and undertake revision work, complete any tasks set by teachers on Satchel One, Google Classroom, or any of our online learning resources. MS Teams lessons will not take place. The children should also complete an hour or more of silent reading. Registers will not be taken on the day for these year groups.

The MEP Programme for our Year 9 Mandarin students will still take place on site and so those students should come to school as normal on the strike days.

Years 10 and 12 will have lessons on site. The children should bring revision materials and reading books to school in anticipation of significant teacher absence on the day. The canteen and sixth form snack bar will be open.

Some limited provision will be available for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. If you work in Health and Social Care or Education and Childcare or the Emergency Services and Medical Services, and need your child to attend site, or if your child is vulnerable, then please email your child's head of year by 10am on Monday, 3rd July 2023. These children should also bring revision materials and their reading book.

The school will provide a single £5 food voucher to cover these two days to the family of each child who is in receipt of free school meals.

Sports day, originally scheduled for 7th July, will now take place on Thursday, 13th July. The new staff induction day, and the new Year 7 welcome evening will still take place on Wednesday, 5th July.

Yours faithfully

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