



29th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have heard, the National Education Union (NEU) has called further days of industrial action. These will take place on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July.

The action is being called because all four teaching unions believe that the education sector faces unacceptable challenges in poor pay, inadequate school funding and therefore, staff shortages.

The School has high numbers of teaching staff in the National Education Union and, because they do not have to let the School know whether they are striking or not, we have to plan these days on the basis that many staff will not be available.

Therefore, the arrangements are as follows:

Wednesday 5th July:

- J10 (Year 9, Mr Lagdon's Year Group) should attend School, to continue engaging with their new GCSE/BTEC courses
- J13 (Year 12) should attend School, working in the study room for those lessons for which their teacher is not available
- All other students will engage in remote learning – see below (this includes J11 – Year 10 – who do not have any Mock Examinations scheduled for this day)

Friday 7th July:

- J11 (Year 10, Miss Kenneford's Year Group) should attend School. They have Mock Examinations on this day and those students who are absent will not have another opportunity to take them
- J13 (Year 12) should attend School, working in the study room for those lessons for which their teacher is not available
- All other students will engage in remote learning – see below

Remote Learning

Teachers who are not participating in the industrial action will be delivering virtual lessons, in which at least the first 10 minutes will consist of a live element, in order to discuss the lesson with students. Following this, they will be set a task for the remainder of the hour. The teachers delivering lessons on the day will place a message on their Google Classroom **before 08:30** in order that students will be able to see which lessons will be delivered at their normal times. Please can you ensure that your child has logged in by this point in order that they don't miss this learning opportunity.

For lessons where the teacher is not available, there will be plenty of work for them to complete, available on the Google Classroom and/or our usual digital learning platforms.

Critical workers

All parents should keep their children at home if they can. We will try to maximise the provision for those children with at least one parent who is a critical worker, as defined by the Department for Education. We

have limited places available that we can offer to parents and we are prioritising those that work in Health and Social Care, Education and Childcare or Emergency Services.

Parents need to complete an expression of interest form by **09.00 on Monday 3rd July 2023** to aid with planning - <https://forms.gle/FrWDsu8w7tgRRFE68>

In the meantime, please make alternative arrangements where you can and respect the DfE recommendations about keeping children at home where possible.

Completion of the form does not guarantee you a place. You will be contacted separately to confirm if you have been offered a place.

Other Students Who Are Invited Into School

On these occasions we invite certain students into School. These families will be contacted directly and their child will be expected in School.

I recognise the disruption this causes for families and students, but would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

With best wishes,



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