

28th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Strike Action – Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during the previous days of strike action. However, the National Education Union (NEU), one of the trade unions representing the teaching profession, has announced its intention to strike again on **Wednesday 5th July** and **Friday 7th July**.

If the strikes go ahead, the school will be closed to all students. This is as a result of the school not having enough non-striking staff to teach all year groups. We have, however, considered the impact of previous strikes. Therefore, staff who are not striking will be delivering online learning to their classes.

We will also invite groups of Year 10 students into school to complete their assessment in vocational subjects.

Online Learning

Where online classes are available, students will be informed via a message on their Google Classroom. Staff who are not striking will send a link to their live lesson by 9:00am on each morning. We will also send out a guide to remind students and parents how to access their Google Classroom.

Arrangements for Year 10

On Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July, groups of Year 10 students will be invited into school to work on some of their vocational assessments. Parents of Year 10 students should assume that the school is closed to them unless contacted otherwise and those students should access online learning where available.

Arrangements for Year 6

The school will be closed to Y6 students on both days. We are currently liaising with primary schools to confirm whether they should attend there on the two days. We will be in touch individually as soon as we have confirmation. Any Year 6 students not attending primary schools will be expected to access their online learning in line with the other year groups. Year 6 will be shown how to access their Google Classroom on Monday 3rd July and Tuesday 4th July.





Arrangements for students with an Education Health and Care Plan

In line with Department for Education guidance, all students with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) and those in local authority care will also be invited to school. The families of these students will receive a further letter explaining the arrangements for the day.

Free School Meals

All students who are eligible for a free school meal will be able to collect a grab bag from school. The parents of these students will be contacted shortly.

We will let you know as soon as possible if the strike action is cancelled. If so, the school will be open as normal to all students.

Please contact us if you have any questions about the arrangements outlined above. The decision to close the school to most students is not an easy decision to make; we appreciate that it will likely disrupt your usual plans and we thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Burnham Headteacher

