
Friday 24th April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you are aware that the NEU have announced further dates for strike action. These are: Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. As before, we have completed risk assessments for these particular days, as our priority is always to ensure school can operate safely and based upon student timetables for those particular days and anticipated staffing levels, we have taken the decision to:

- Remain **open to all** students on Thursday 27th April.
- Remain **open to Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11 students only** on Tuesday 2nd May.

As before, we will not know how many staff are taking strike action until the actual days and it is also likely that some staff not taking strike action have children at other schools who are affected by strike action, which will result in additional staff absence. With this in mind, please be aware that it is likely some classes (not Year 11) will not be taught content on Thursday 27th April and instead may be supervised, whilst completing activities, in a larger group in the main hall.

On 2nd May, we have had to take the difficult decision to partially close. In addition to prioritising Year 11 pupils due to the proximity of GCSE examinations and Year 7 pupils due to childcare, we had hoped to prioritise Year 10 students who are also studying for GCSEs. However, when looking at timetables, it is Year 10 students who are most likely to be significantly affected on 2nd May and we would be unable to safely accommodate this year group in school. As before, we will set independent work for Year 10 students and Year 8 students who are the other year group most affected on Tuesday 2nd May.

Like the previous strike day, we will condense lunch into one sitting on Tuesday 2nd May. As a result, Year 9 pupils will have lunch at 12.35pm until 1.15pm on this day only. To confirm, the usual school transport arrangements will be in place.

On the strike days, pupils will attend form time and lessons as normal and if a teacher is absent, an alternative plan will be in place.

Please note that pupils who would normally receive a free school meal will receive a £3 meal voucher in May.

We are sorry for any disruption this may cause and as always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



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