

26th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Planned Industrial Action - Wednesday 1st February 2023

As you know, the National Education Union has voted to take the first day of industrial action on Wednesday 1st February. The NEU is taking industrial action due to teacher pay and conditions and the lack of funding provided to schools.

Colleagues who choose to take industrial action are protected by law and under no obligation to inform us whether they intend to take action. In addition, colleagues who are members of other unions are under no obligation to provide cover for striking colleagues and may well have voted to support the action in their own union's ballot. This poses a significant challenge to leaders in terms of delivering effective provision and ensuring the safety of children in our care.

Therefore, we have taken the decision to limit attendance to the following groups:

- Year 11
- A small group of children whose families will be contacted directly by invitation only

All Year 11 children should attend school and will follow their normal timetable for the day.

Children in Year 7-10 will be provided with remote learning via ClassCharts. The learning will follow their usual timetable and lessons will be uploaded to ClassCharts at least one hour before the teaching period would usually commence. In the absence of an individual planned lesson for a class, students will need to complete the Year group lesson that will be provided. It is our expectation that all children will complete the learning that is set.

In addition to Year 11 we are able to supervise a small number of children that will be determined by invitation only. These students will follow the remote learning set by teachers and will be supported by teaching assistants.

Children entitled to free school meals will be able to request and collect a packed lunch on Wednesday 1st February. Collection will **be available from 10.30am**. If you would like to request a packed lunch, please complete the request form below by **9am** Monday 30th January 2023.

<https://forms.gle/DuCXKPe9EMgFnDMfA>

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We appreciate that this decision may cause distress and disruption for many families but we can only ensure the safety of a limited number of children.

Thank you for your understanding.



Mrs Helen Watts
Principal

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