

8th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Further Industrial Action - Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023

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, the school will be **shut to all students** with the following exceptions in school:

Wednesday 15th March - Year 11, Year 7 and Year 9 (Year 8 & 10 will be at home)

Thursday 16th March - Year 11, Year 10 and Year 8 (Year 7 & 9 will be at home)

A small number of students previously contacted will be invited on both days.

Learning will be set for all children via class charts and will follow the usual school timetable. Learning will be set at least one hour before the lesson is due to start. Where a specific lesson's learning is not present, students should refer to the Year group lesson that will be provided. The Year group lesson only needs to be completed if the usual lesson is not present on class charts.

Whilst it is our expectation that students attempt to complete all the learning that is set, we understand that different home environments will have different access to ICT and the internet. We also understand and appreciate that many parents will be working or looking after younger siblings and do not have the capacity to supervise your child's learning. No interventions will be set for missed learning.

Transport will run as usual and children's attendance records will not be affected by the planned industrial action.

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Children entitled to free school meals will be able to request a packed lunch and take it home with them at 3.30 the day before the proposed strike. If you would like to request a packed lunch- please complete the form via the google link below by midday on 9th March. Please complete the form twice if you would like to request a packed lunch for more than one child.

[Order FSM Packed lunch here](#)

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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