

10 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

### NEU Strikes

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the remaining dates that have been declared previously from the National Education Union (NEU) on Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023. The strike relates to a national dispute between the Trade Union and the government, it is not related to any issues at our school.

As with previous strike days we continue to be unaware of the specific numbers of staff who may striking. We have undertaken a risk assessment for the school to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students. As a result, the trust and I feel it necessary to put the following provision in place.

The school will be open to vulnerable students who have been identified. These students have been contacted by the school and will engage in the same learning as their year group.

The arrangements for both days are outlined below.

#### Wednesday 15 March 2023

School will be open only for children in Years 11 and 13 to attend the school within the normal school hours starting at 8:40am and finishing at 3:10pm

Year 11	There will be in school provision of a combination of walking talking mocks, targeted revision sessions and a focus on English, Maths and Science
Year 13	The following sessions will be provided. Biology Practical Endorsement Chemistry Endorsement Business focus Coursework focus
Years 7, 8, 9 & 10	<b>Students should not attend school;</b> learning will be set remotely for the day can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .

#### Thursday 16 March 2023

School will be open only for children in Year 13 (to attend the school within the normal school hours starting at 8:45am and finishing at 3:10pm).

Year 13	The following sessions will be provided. Physics focus Business focus Coursework focus
Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11	<b>Students should not attend school;</b> learning will be set remotely for the day can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .

Any student who is in receipt of free school meals based on low income (not universal entitlement) and does not attend school due to the strike action will receive their entitlement through being issued Edenred vouchers. Vouchers will be for £5 per child, per day and issued electronically (via e-mail) and separately and for each strike

day. If any parents/carers do not have the ability to access emails or the internet, please contact the school directly and we can provide a printed copy of the voucher.

If there are any developments at a national level, and if strike action is averted in schools this will be notified through our usual school communication channels.

### **Ongoing Bus Strikes from Thursday 16 March**

We have also been informed of the planned National Express Bus Strike to start on Thursday 16 March 2023, this will impact on our school buses.

Therefore, you will need to make alternative arrangements for your child to attend school. **To assist you with this we will be opening school site at 8:00am and closing at 4:15pm to allow students to be dropped off early and picked up later.**

It is with regret that I must inform you of these circumstances and I thank you for your continued engagement with myself and the senior leadership team during this national strike action.

Please be assured the wellbeing and safety of our students remain our priority.

If you have any questions or need further support, please contact your child's Head of Year.

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Yours faithfully

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