



## ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) members have voted to take strike action on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. We are writing to update you about the details of the provision we are able to provide on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**.

Please carefully read the information below to ensure you are aware of the provision which will be available to your child. The provisions based on anticipated staffing levels in school, our capability to provide a meaningful learning experience and balanced against our health and safety capacity across the site.

### **Students in Years 7-10 and 12:**

Alsop High School will be closed to all students in Years 7-10 and 12, with the exception of '*vulnerable children*' as defined by the Department for Education. Further details are available below. Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 should not attend school, unless they are contacted by the school. All students who are not in school will be able to access remote work as detailed below.

### **Students in Year 11:**

We are unable to confirm at this stage whether we will be able to open for Year 11 students. Education Unions have offered some special dispensation to allow their members to attend work to teach students in Year 11 who are due to sit examinations this summer. Teachers cannot, however, be compelled to do so. We are currently consulting colleagues regarding their intention to attend work for this purpose and we will write to you again to confirm the finalised arrangements. Those Year 11 students who have their Art exam are to attend school as per the arrangements already shared.

### **Students in Year 13**

Onsite provision will be available for Year 13. Students will be expected to follow their normal timetable. Where their teacher is not in school, students will be expected to study independently and complete coursework and / or use their study notes and revision material in preparation for their upcoming exams.

### **Students in Year 10 and 12 with upcoming external assessments:**

Some subject areas in these Year groups have upcoming external assessments and examinations like Year 11 and 13. Students in these subjects – Business, Computing and PE, have been contacted individually to explain the arrangements in place on Thursday to support them in the lead up to their assessment.

### **Vulnerable students**

Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans will be expected to attend school as normal. Students will participate in small group work & personal development sessions. Please click [the link](#) for more information on the criteria for vulnerable children.

### **Attendance and Absence**

If your child is expected to be in school and is unable to attend school due to illness, please report their absence through our usual channels. For students who are expected to be on-site, any non-attendance will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and our usual first day response to absence will be applied, such as contact with parents and home visits where appropriate, in keeping with our usual policies.

### **Arrangements / timings of the day**

The school will be open from 8.15am and all students who are expected to attend must be on-site for 8:25am as usual. Breakfast will be provided, as usual, in the Jamieson Restaurant and registers will be completed there before transferring to classrooms for the day. The school day will end at the usual time of 2.45pm, with public bus services running as normal.

Students are to enter, as usual, through the Walton Village Student Entrance and are required to wear their normal uniform at all times. Our usual high standards and expectations as detailed in our behaviour policy remain in place to ensure we maintain a safe environment for our students and staff.

### **Lunch Arrangements for those attending school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Lunch will be provided in the Jamieson Restaurant for all students.

### **Free School Meals for those not attending school**

If your child receives free school meals and is not expected to attend school on the above dates, please be assured that a meal will be provided and your child will be able to collect a packed lunch at the end of the day on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April from the Jamieson Restaurant as they exit school. Please complete this [form](#) to inform the school if you would like a meal provided for your child.

### **On-line / remote education**

Students who are not expected to attend school will be able to access on-line work using any digital device including desktop PC, laptop, tablet, game console or mobile phone with data access. The links to work for both days will be uploaded onto Class Charts and Teams by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. If your child does not have access to a digital device, please email your child's Head of Year or call school on 0151 235 1200 by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April so paper copies can be collated and shared.

### **Further information**

On the industrial strike day(s) there will be a core body of staff supervising the school as follows:

- Headteacher, Deputy Headteachers and Assistant Headteachers
- Designated safeguarding professionals and attendance officers, monitoring daily attendance of those students that are expected to attend.
- Administrative staff, ensuring switchboards are staffed and able to respond to enquiries.
- A core of staff delivering a programme of activities on a rota basis.
- Catering and cleaning teams.

If you have any concerns about the safeguarding or welfare of a child/family during the industrial strike day, please contact the school office directly on **0151 235 1200**.

We will write again to parents of Year 11 students and later to all parents to inform you of details of provision available on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

I thank you for your understanding and co-operation during this time; please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions or queries about the information outlined for these two days.

Yours faithfully,



Paul Masher  
**Headteacher**



Christian Wilcocks  
**Chief Executive Officer**