

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a review of potential staffing levels and our timetable, I am able to share with you our proposed plans for the planned third and fourth days of the National Education Union (NEU) Industrial Action, this coming **Wednesday 15**th **and Thursday 16**th **March 2023**.

The plans for these two days are different than the previous two days of Industrial Action, as well as being different for Year 11 each day, and these judgments are made 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.

Wednesday 15th March 2023:

Based on the above factors, on-site provision will be available for the following students only:

- Year 13
- Year 11 M Band Forms: NMO, SAS, MCA, AMO and SST
- Those children who are classed as *vulnerable students only, as detailed below,* and contact has been made with families / students who are eligible to attend.

All other students in Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and Year 11 P Band should not attend school, unless they are contacted by the school. Students will be able to access remote work as detailed overleaf.

Year 13

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.

Year 11 M Band – Forms: NMO, SAS, MCA, AMO and SST

Year 11 M Band are to arrive on-site and be seated in the Main Hall for 8:30am prompt, where we will share the timetable for the day. Students will follow their normal timetable and where their teacher is not present, we will be directing students to specific rooms to complete Remote Study.

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.



Thursday 16th March 2023:

Based on the factors mentioned overleaf, on-site provision will be available for the following students only:

- Year 13
- Year 11 P Band CLH, PVG, STS, JBV and KWI
- Those children who are classed as *vulnerable students only, as detailed below,* and contact has been made with families / students who are eligible to attend.

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Year 11 P Band - CLH, PVG, STS, JBV and KWI

Year 11 P Band are to arrive on-site and be seated in the Main Hall for 8:30am prompt, where we will share the plans / timetable for the day. Students will follow their normal timetable and where their teacher is not present, we will be directing students to specific rooms to complete Remote Study.

Please note: based on the staffing levels we are aware of, the school day will end at 1:45pm for Year 11 P Band only on Thursday 16^{th} March.

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 Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 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 Tuesday 14th March 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 Tuesday 14th March. 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 Monday 13th March 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**.

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