

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Industrial Action on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023

Following a review of potential staffing levels and our timetable, I am able to share with you our proposed plans for the upcoming days of Industrial Action by National Education Union (NEU) on *Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023*.

On both days of *Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023*, onsite provision will be available for 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 across Year 7 to 10 should not attend school unless they are contacted directly by a member of our Pastoral Team. Students will be able to access remote work as detailed overleaf. Year 12 students are on Work Experience next week and this will continue as planned.

Please carefully read the information below to ensure you are aware of the provision which will be available to your child:

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.

For all vulnerable students any non-attendance will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. 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 for vulnerable students attending school

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 in the Jamieson Restaurant and registers will be completed before transferring to classrooms. The school day will end at the usual time of 2.45pm.

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 5th and Friday 7th July Lunch will be provided in the Jamieson Restaurant for all vulnerable students.

Free School Meals for those not attending school on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July

If your child receives free school meals and is not expected to attend school on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July, 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 4th and Thursday 6th July from the Jamieson Restaurant as they exit school.

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 in advance. 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 3rd July 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.

Finally, in order to effectively safeguard those students who are expected to attend the school on this day, we politely ask that parents inform us by 8.00am if their child is unable to attend on that day. This absence should be communicated by calling our normal student absence line.

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; I will write to you again with details of any further industrial action to outline the arrangements, so please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions or queries about this communication.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Masher Headteacher