



Headteacher : Mrs L MacLaren

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Wednesday 1 February
Strike Action by Members of the National Education Union (NEU)

Dear Parent,

The proposed strike for Wednesday 1 February was confirmed yesterday and as such, here are the final details.

Due to the high number of staff that are in the NEU at BPA, there will be disruption to our school provision on this day. As outlined last week, we have completed a detailed risk assessment considering the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of our children, staff and visitors.

This means that:

- We will **offer face-to-face provision to cater for the individual needs of a small number of children between 8.45 and 3.15. Breakfast Club, Homework Club and all afterschool activities are postponed.** Students who have a confirmed place on Wednesday should wear their school uniform as normal and report to Reception at the start of the day. Break and lunchtime service will be available for everyone in school
- **For other students in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11, school will be closed** and remote learning will be on ClassCharts.

School Buses

Following consultation with parents and students who are in school, we have agreed with the bus companies that the service **will not run**, they have been cancelled. A normal service will resume on Thursday morning and evening.

Free School Meals

Students who are eligible for free school meals have the opportunity to order one for Wednesday lunchtime - this must be pre ordered in advance and collected from school on Wednesday at 12.30pm. Please see the email that follows with a personalised link to complete an order for lunch.



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Remote Learning

In line with the guidance from the Department for Education, the curriculum will be paused and resume on Thursday 2 February. Students will be set work on ClassCharts; the purpose of the work is so that they can practise and embed knowledge and skills in these subjects. In summary, you can expect:

Year 7, 8 & 9	Year 10 & 11
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. English - Bedrock & Writing Challenge2. Mathswatch3. Science4. Homework set on ClassCharts5. Read & Watch lists for other subjects6. Reading for pleasure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. English Year 10 – Reading Comprehension Year 11 – Poetry Anthology2. Mathswatch3. Science4. Personalised revision5. Homework set on ClassCharts6. Read & Watch lists for other subjects7. Reading for pleasure

Every school in the country, not least in our Trust, is in a completely unique position. Our plan is specific to the circumstances we have risk assessed today, 31.1.23. There is no assumption from school that the arrangements will be the same for the proposed action in late February or March, if it happens. We will review our risk assessments and confirm our actions in writing, in advance of each of the strike days.

Students should return to school on Thursday at 8.45am. Year 11 will get their group photograph taken first in the morning and our expectations for appearance are high and unchanged, especially around hair, make up and jewellery. Year 7 will be practising for the Creatives Evening which will take place from 5.30 to 7.00pm on Thursday 2 February. For the students who are taking part, correspondence was sent home last week with all of the arrangements. We look forward to seeing you there if you have bought a ticket – they are still on sale on School Gateway.

Thank you for your understanding and your respectful communication about all of the arrangements that are outlined – your support is invaluable. If you have any questions, please do hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours faithfully,

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