



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Carer

We wanted to write to update you on arrangements for mock examinations, including during next week's proposed industrial action by members of the NEU.

Mock Examinations and COVID:

Can I please remind you not to send your child to school if they have any COVID symptoms (a temperature or continuous cough). If they have any symptoms, please arrange for a test immediately. We do understand that your child will be anxious about missing these important examinations but it is crucial that we prioritise the health and safety of the whole school community first.

I also wanted to assure students who are self-isolating that they will have an opportunity to take their mock examinations at another point. We are currently looking at arrangements for using the last two days of term and will notify you as soon as possible.

Strike Action:

I am writing to inform you about the proposed industrial action by some members of staff from the National Education Union. If this goes ahead, school will be closed to most students on **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th of December.**

Staff members are taking the action "in opposition to unacceptable impact on working conditions of proposed extension of the school to 12 form entry." The School and Local Authority are working with the staff in an effort to resolve this dispute.

The decision to partially close the school is never taken lightly but in this instance, where staff have elected to take industrial action, I will have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of all pupils.

I am aware that year group closures will cause inconvenience to parents and carers and so I am writing to give you notice of the likely impact of the action on this school.

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If the action goes ahead, the only year group that will come into school will be Year 11 who will only come in when they have an exam. The library and canteen will be open between exam sessions so that those who come to school from further away can stay and revise. Meals for Free School Meal students will be available from the canteen at the end of the second exam session.

Examination sessions will be in the morning only and you will be notified of the exact timings on Monday.

Yours faithfully,

Head teacher

Chair of Governors