

10th March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Confirmation of Strike day (Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023) - Partially closed

Dear all parents and carers

As you are aware, following on from previous communications and the strikes on the 1st February 2023 and Thursday 2nd March 2023, the next proposed strike dates are on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023.

I had thought that there may be a further update on the strike days. However, currently they will be going ahead as planned. As I stated before, members of the unions are not required to let employers know ahead of time whether they intend to strike.

Based on the previous and current information, we will be partially closed. The school will only be open for GCSE Drama students in Year 11 – (see timings above) and those pupils who currently have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). The school will also be open during lunchtime for pupils eligible for Free School Meals.

The school will be open to;

- Year 11 GCSE Drama Students

The Year 11 drama students are invited in for their Drama lessons at their normal lesson time as they have the visiting examiner in to see them for their Presenting and Performing Texts exam on 30th March. Pupils should come in via the main entrance in full school uniform in time for the start of these lessons.

Pupils will leave the school site at the end of these lessons.

Wednesday 15th 9.45-10.45am

Thursday 16th 12.35-1.35pm

- Pupils with a current Education, Health and Care Plan
- Pupils eligible for Free School Meals during lunch time only

As always, the decision to partially close has not been taken lightly. Again, I do realise that this will cause difficulties for parents and carers.

Work for children not in school

Due to partial closure, we aim to have work available on our school website. Please see the below links to access this learning.

Primary work can be found here:

[Home Working - Primary | Mayfield School](#)

Senior work can be found here:

[Home Working | Mayfield School](#)

Homepage>Learning and Curriculum>Home Learning

Teachers taking strike action are not required to set cover work and so the work may be general work rather than lesson specific.

Free School Meals

- Primary

For primary pupils who are eligible for free school meals, we will be providing a hot meal during the lunchtime. This will be from 12pm – 12:45pm. We will be sending out a form for parents and carers of primary aged pupils eligible for Free school meals to sign up to this offer.

The children will need to arrive at the main reception area to be registered at 12pm and then collected at 12:45pm from outside the main school hall.

- Seniors

Senior pupils eligible for free school meals are able to arrive between 1pm-1:15pm at Kensington gate entrance where they will be registered and taken through to the canteen to collect and enjoy their lunch. They will leave once they have finished their lunch.

Please complete the link to the Microsoft Form attached below. It will also be sent out via ClassCharts for you to complete if you would like your child to have a free school meal.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5zysvCHhFJ>

Thank you for your patience and support.

Yours faithfully



Mr Howard
Headteacher

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Headteacher, Mr. Ashley Howard

