



Moat Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach half term, I would like to update you on a few issues. It has been another successful half term; students have worked hard and behaved very well. As always, I would like to thank all the Moat staff, on your behalf, for their work this term. They have worked hard to support students learning, including delivering an extra lesson to year 11 students (period 7). Our pastoral staff have worked hard to ensure that our students are safe and well cared for; they make hundreds of phone calls home every week and hold many meetings! Finally, there has been an impressive range of extra-curricular activities and opportunities offered to students. We have been very busy and are all looking forward to half term!

Closures Due to Strike Action by the NEU

You will probably be aware that members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take strike action. This is part of a national dispute and will impact on all schools in the country. The NEU is the largest teachers' union and has a significant number of members at Moat CC.

Unfortunately, we will only be able to have year 11 students in school on the day of the strike. All other students should take part in on-line learning. The reason for this difficult decision is that we will not have enough staff to run the school safely and effectively. The next day of strike action has been called for Wednesday 1st March 2023. Two further days of strike action are planned for 15th March and 16th March 2023.

I recognise that this might cause inconvenience to our families. However, staff who are available to work in school will be providing online education and will be teaching year 11.

On 1st March we are expecting students to follow these instructions:

- Year 11 students should be in school as normal, in school uniform and with their usual equipment. They should also bring revision materials to school with them, as there may be some lessons where they are asked to do supervised private study.
- Years 7 to 10 should check their Teams calendar and log into lessons. Where teachers are available, they will be teaching live lessons and setting work. Staff will be taking registers of attendance at live lessons. We do expect students to attend.
- For some of the lessons, teachers will not be available to set work. If this is the case, your child should use their Knowledge Organisers to do revision and/or read.

We will be in touch directly with families whose children are entitled to Free School Meals about arrangements during the closure days.

We have a good working relationship with our NEU Union Representatives at Moat CC and will continue to work closely together. We will let you know if anything changes around the strike action. We will send out regular reminders concerning all closure days. We will also brief students so that they are aware of what is expected of them, when the school is closed.





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Behaviour Policy

The government has recently issued new behaviour guidance to schools. In response to this guidance, we have updated our behaviour policy. The behaviour policy is available to parents via the school website:

<https://moat.leicester.sch.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures>

As you are aware, excellent behaviour in school is vital for students learning, care and happiness. We have worked very hard on our behaviour and culture over many years. Staff and students are rightly proud of behaviour at Moat. We are also very grateful to our parents for their support in this area.

Zebra Crossing

We are very pleased to share the news with you, that a Zebra crossing is to be installed on Maidstone Road, outside the school. The installation will start over the February half term and be completed in the Easter holidays. This major improvement follows many years of campaigning by the school, with the support of our community. We are also very grateful to our partners in the City Council for supporting this improvement. The crossing will make an important contribution to keeping our students safe on the way to and from school.

Parent View

We are always keen to gather feedback from our parents. Could you fill in a short questionnaire at:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

This feedback will help us to improve the school.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office. Please continue to monitor the school app and website for messages, particularly in relation to future school closures.

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Killeen

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