

**January 2023**

Dear parents and carers

Following on from the letter sent last week regarding the strike action taking place next week on Wednesday 1st February, I am now in a position to be able to provide full details about what will happen on this day and how this will affect **all** year groups.

In its ongoing campaign for a fully funded, above inflation pay rise, teacher members of the National Education Union in England and Wales have voted overwhelmingly for strike action. Next Wednesday will be the first day of four proposed days of strike action with the other three days taking place later in February and March.

Due to the number of teaching staff who will be supporting the campaign as members of the National Education Union and who will be taking strike action on Wednesday, we will not be in a position to be able to provide the usual programme of lessons and so have taken the decision **to close to all year groups** on this day.

I appreciate the inconvenience this may cause to students and families; however, I also recognise and feel it is vitally important that the national campaign for a fully funded, above inflation pay rise for teaching and support staff receives the support required from the school and our decision to close to all year groups is in line with a significant number of other secondary and primary schools.

In order to support families who may require childcare on the day of strike action, we will be opening the school to the groups of students listed below. If you require a place in school for your child under any of the criteria below, can I please request that you complete the form on the link **by 5pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January**. This will allow us to plan out the correct supervision and support for the number of students we will have onsite.

The students who are eligible for a place in school on Wednesday 1st February are:

- **Any children classed as vulnerable for a particular factor identified by the school.** (*School will contact these families prior to Wednesday 1st February*)
- **Any children in any year group, who requires childcare in school on the day.** (*Places to be booked using the form below by 5pm Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January*).
- **Any year 11 students who wish to be in school for supervised independent study/revision sessions.** (*Places to be booked using the form below by 5pm Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January*).

All students attending school on the day will be required to **attend in full school uniform** and the normal provision for break and lunchtime will be available for these students with a reduced menu.

To request a place in school for your child please complete the form on this link: [School Place Form](#)  
(*If you are requesting a place for more than one child a separate form for each child will need to be completed*)

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## Free School Meals

If your child is currently eligible for free school meals and will be at home on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, we will be providing **lunch packages on request** to any families who require them. If you would like to order a lunch package to be collected from school, provided to students to take home or to be delivered to a home address, please **complete the form below by 5pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January**.

[Free School Meal Lunch Package Request Form](#)

## Remote Learning

Students who are at home on the day will be provided with a guide listing online resources and learning platforms to enable them to continue with their learning in core subjects throughout the day. If your child would have difficulties accessing the online resources, please contact us prior to the day or request a place in school for your child and they will be supported in school to access the learning resources.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the pending strike action, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Mr M. Davies  
Head of School

