



SCISSETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, **the National Education Union (NEU) has announced further strikes on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July.**

Following this latest announcement we have, again, undertaken a thorough risk assessment alongside colleagues within the trust and will need to make the following arrangements on the two strike days.

Wednesday 5th July

- **The school will be open to all Year 7 pupils and they should attend as normal.**
- **The school will be closed to Year 6 and 8 pupils.** This is because we will not have enough staff in school to safely run our full school day.
- For Year 6 and 8 pupils, work to complete on the strike days will be set as homework tasks via Class Charts. Tasks set will involve consolidation / revision of prior topics. The work will be online but will be accessible via a mobile phone. This work is optional and will not be marked by staff.
- Pupils with an EHCP or pending EHCP in Year 6 and 8 are invited to attend.
- We will have 30 places available for pupils in Year 6 and 8 whose parents are key workers. Pupils will access the same work as their peers working from home and will be supervised by staff to do so. Places are limited and will be awarded to the first 30 bookings; **we ask parents to please consider carefully whether they require one of these spaces.**
- Provision will be made for Year 6 and 8 pupils who are entitled to free school meals.

Friday 7th July

- **The school will be open to all Year 8 pupils and they should attend as normal.**
- **The school will be closed to Year 6 and 7 pupils.** This is because we will not have enough staff in school to safely run our full school day.
- For Year 6 and 7 pupils, work to complete on the strike days will be set as homework tasks via Class Charts. Tasks set will involve consolidation / revision of prior topics. The work will be online but will be accessible via a mobile phone. This work is optional and will not be marked by staff.
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To check if your job is classed as a key/critical worker please click on this link -

[Key/Critical Worker List](#)

If your job is classed as a Key/Critical Worker and you wish for your child to attend school on the strike day(s) please complete the booking form via the link below:

[Strike Booking Form for Key Workers](#)

You will notice the school will be closed to Year 6 on both days, this decision has been taken in order to spread the ongoing disruption across all year groups in order to minimise, as much as is possible, the impact on learning for all. Unfortunately, the strikes also coincide with the last week in school for our Year 8 pupils. Please be reassured that our plans for Year 8 on their last day will remain and we're sure they will get the send-off they thoroughly deserve. We are also very mindful that this year group missed their Year 5 leaving celebrations due to the national lockdown that was in place at the time.

We recognise parents will find further partial closures of the school disappointing. All the above decisions have been taken following a thorough risk assessment process. It is essential we ensure the health and safety of all who attend school on strike days. We hope all parties can find a timely resolution to this ongoing dispute in order to avoid further disruption.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Taylor
Executive Headteacher

