

10 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Industrial Action

As highlighted in my previous letters the NEU teaching union have declared strike action, which will take place on the following days:

Wednesday 15th March

Thursday 16th March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues in school.

After careful consideration of the information we currently have available to us, we have risk assessed taking into account health and safety and safeguarding factors thoroughly. Therefore, we have we currently have no alternative but to close the school for pupils in years seven and eight on the Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March. This decision is based on national guidance and to ensure the youngest pupils remain in school. However we will continue to review any additional staffing capacity to explore if we can increase the number of pupils that are able to attend school on these days and update you if this becomes possible. We will also review and provide an update on Wednesday 15 March if we are able to increase the year groups we are open for on Thursday 16 March. We will be open to all pupils in years five and six. The canteen will be open as normal for pupils and buses will run as usual.

If there are pupils in years seven and eight who are vulnerable or have parents/carers who are key workers please contact Carmen Batchelor via email (Carmen.Batchelor@selwood-academy.co.uk) to request a space for childcare, if you have no other alternative. Please ensure your request is received by the end of the school day on Monday 13 March. Any requests that are not sent through this method will not be considered.

Work will be provided for pupils at home should parents wish to access it via Google Classroom, please contact your child's tutor if you have any issues accessing this. For pupils eligible for free school meals, packed lunches will be available for collection between 12pm-1pm from the main reception gate entrance.

We appreciate that this situation is frustrating, however please feel assured that we are doing everything we can in this situation to remain as fully open as possible throughout this time. I ask that all members of our community continue to work collaboratively and with respect. Selwood Academy remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils in which their light can shine.

'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16
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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

Thank you so much for your ongoing positivity and support, it is very much appreciated during this difficult situation. I genuinely apologise for any disruption that this situation may cause you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Dan Jeffries'.

Dan Jeffries
Head Teacher