



**Wellfield Academy**

Headteacher Mr J Lewis

28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Industrial Action Provision – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

As you will be aware, further industrial action is planned by the National Education Union (NEU) on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May which will disrupt our in-school provision. The risk assessment completed considers the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of our children, staff and visitors and our ability to keep the school open to all schools. On this day, the curriculum will be paused for students and resume when school reopens on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. This means that homework and independent study should be completed on the day.

**In-School Provision**

As a result of this, our provision for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May is outlined below.

1. **Year 10: Attendance is mandatory and all students are expected to attend.** As the exams are supervised by external invigilators, students should attend school for their exams. Following the morning exam, students will be allowed to leave school if they are not sitting the afternoon exam. Once the second exam is finished, students will again be allowed to leave school. We will, however, offer supervised revision rooms for any student wishing to remain in school. A reduced catering provision will be available to students on the day.
2. **Year 11:** Due to the structure of the timetable on the day, we are expecting all year 11 students to attend school for the whole day. Whilst the strike action does disrupt some teaching classes, the timetable on this day means there are many opportunities for students to be taught by their normal class teacher (for example, some colleagues are in different teaching unions to the NEU). Where a class teacher is on strike, students will undertake supervised revision meaning we will not undermine the industrial action.  
Whilst there will clearly be disruption during the day, we are sure that you will appreciate that any opportunity to be taught by their class teacher in the run up to the GCSE exam season may be crucial. Therefore, we appreciate your support in explaining this to your son/daughter.
3. **The individual needs of a small number of students:** If your child is in this group, you should already be aware of the need for the day. However, if any parent wishes to request a place in school on this day for safeguarding reasons, please do contact us.

**This means that for all other students in Years 7, 8 and 9, school will be closed** and homework will be their priority for the day. When Year 10 are not in school for examinations, they should be revising and preparing for their other exams. Students who are eligible for free school meals (who are not in school) will have an opportunity to pre-order their lunch today (Friday) which can then be collected by 12.30pm on Tuesday.

All students should return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 8.40am. Thank you for your support, patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lewis  
Headteacher