



THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL
Aspiring & Achieving Together

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU), has declared strike action, which will take place on **Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, conditions and funding, and not because of any issues at our school.

I am writing to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements in school for Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March. The school will be open to Year 11 students ONLY.

- Year 11 should bring all the equipment and books needed for lessons that would take place on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Work for students in Year 7 – Year 10 can be accessed from the links below. Students are also welcome to complete homework, coursework or any independent learning tasks that have already been set.
- Normal catering arrangements will be available for Year 11 students in school.
- Parents / carers of students that are eligible for a free school meal (FSM) must complete the following survey should they wish to order a packed lunch for their child.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/35GS88N>

The packed lunch will be available to collect on the day from the canteen entrance on the car park.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. We also recognise that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with dignity and respect. The Westleigh School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and delivering high-quality teaching. We will of course continue to monitor the arrangements in place and make modifications where possible to improve support for students. The school will re-open as normal on **Friday 17 March** for all students.

Whilst at home students should access and complete work that has been set using google classrooms. Instructions for accessing the work can be found on the school website using the following link:

<http://thewestleighschool.co.uk/week1>

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the national situation, and I will continue to write out to parents should the national situation change.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you in anticipation for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Lamoury
Headteacher