



Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

NEU Industrial Action Wednesday 1st February 2023

Following my letter on Wednesday 25th January, I am writing to update you on our plans for the operation of the school next Wednesday. The decision to close or partly close the school to students is never taken lightly, but in the case of lawful industrial action, we have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all students and staff. As previously communicated, we have a significant number of teaching staff that are members of NEU, who are likely to be taking industrial action, therefore we need to limit the number of children we have on-site.

Year Groups Attending School

The following Year groups are required to attend school as normal:

- Year 7
- Year 11
- Year 13

These Year groups instead of reporting to their normal form room at 8.35am on Wednesday must report to the following locations:

- Year 7 – Redgrave Sports Centre – Sports Hall
- Year 11 – School Canteen
- Year 13 – Sixth Form Centre

For these Year groups, the classes where their teachers are in school, they will have their lessons as normal. Where their teacher is absent due to strike action, they will be supervised to do independent work.

Year Groups Working at Home

The following Year groups are required to study at home:

- Year 8
- Year 9
- Year 10
- Year 12

All these Year groups will be set work on MS Teams by non-striking teachers to be completed independently by the students during the day.

Vulnerable Students

We are planning to try and accommodate vulnerable students in school on Wednesday 1st February, in addition to students in Years 7, 11 and 13. Vulnerable students are identified as students with a Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) or a Child in Need Plan or a Child Protection Plan. If your child is in Years 8, 9, 10 or 12 and in one of these categories and you would like us to look at accommodating your child in school next Wednesday, [please complete the MS Form via this link to register your interest by 1.00pm on Monday 30th January 2023.](#)

Children of Key Workers

Schools have also been asked to try and accommodate the children of key workers who cannot be left at home unsupervised. If you work in any of the sectors highlighted in the other document attached to the email along with this letter and would like us to look at accommodating your child in school next Wednesday, [please complete the MS form via this link to register your interest by 1.00pm on Monday 30th January 2023.](#)

We will communicate regarding the operation of the school for the other three days of industrial action after we have reviewed the operation on Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kevin Ford
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