



Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Strike Action (Wednesday 1st March 2023)

I write to confirm our plans for Wednesday 1st March 2023, regarding the NEU's planned regional strike action.

Having reviewed the situation from Wednesday 1st February and the information I have received from teachers to ensure we can operate safely; I can confirm we will be open again for Years 7 and 11 only unless your child is considered vulnerable or you are a critical worker (please see overleaf for information relating to this). Students in Years 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 are asked to stay at home and study remotely. They are to access the websites identified in the letter sent by Ms Vallance prior to the previous strike day.

If your child is in the year groups expected to be in school, please find outlined below our plans:

- **Year 7:**
Upon arrival, students are expected to make their way straight to the Sports Hall in order to be registered. They are expected to wear their school uniform and will follow their normal timetable.
- **Year 11:**
Upon arrival, students are expected to make their way straight to the Drama Hall in order to be registered. They are expected to wear their school uniform and will follow their normal timetable. A number of students have PE timetabled on this day; they will need to bring their PE uniform as their core lesson will run as planned.

Attendance Codes

Students who are expected to be in school will be registered in line with our attendance policy. As per the DfE's guidance, students in Years 7 and 11 are required to attend, regardless of parental choice or the closure of other year groups in the school.

For those students not expected in school, we will code their attendance in accordance with the DfE's guidance to ensure there is no impact on their overall attendance percentage.

Catering Provision and Free School Meals

There will be a limited catering provision for students expected to be in school, therefore students who are not on our free school meals register are encouraged to bring a packed lunch. Students who are able to access free school meals and are also expected to be in school will be able to get food in the usual way.

For those students who are on our free school meals register and not in school will be asked to pre-order a packed lunch before the end of this week and collect before they leave school on Tuesday 28th February 2023.

Vulnerable Students

We will be in direct contact with parents/carers of students in those year groups who are being asked to access remote learning but we would like to invite into school for the day. They are expected to go straight to the Sp4L upon arrival and wear full school uniform. They will work on the provided remote learning work in the same way as their peers.

Critical Workers

In line with the DfE's guidance we will also have a provision for our students whose parents/carers are critical workers. If you require a place for your child who is in the year groups being asked to work remotely, please contact your child's Head of Year by 4pm on Friday 24th February 2023 at the very latest to request this via the following email addresses:

- Year 8 – Year8Office@mrus.co.uk
- Year 9 – Year9Office@mrus.co.uk
- Year 10 – Year10Office@mrus.co.uk
- Sixth Form – sixth.form@mrus.co.uk

We will coordinate the feedback and ensure we have an effective plan to support students accessing remote learning in school.

Please be reassured that we have done all we can to remain open for as many students as possible. There are then two further strike dates imminent on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023; again, we will continue to communicate with you to outline our provision closer to these days.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Foster
Headteacher