



13 March 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Strike Action – School Provision – Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March

Thank you once again for your patience whilst we conducted a thorough risk assessment to establish our safe operational capacity in response to the National Education Union's announcement that teachers from that Union have voted to take strike action. These are the final two days of four strike days that are currently planned that will impact the school and following a review of the previous plan, we are expecting to run these two strikes days in a similar format as the previous two strike days together with Year 12. As per all industrial action, we are aware of the number of teachers who are part of that particular union but that is the only information we are given. We are, therefore, unable to be certain on the operational capacity we will have. Below outlines what we will be able to provide, taking into account our restricted capacity, and explains what all students should be doing on this day:

Wednesday 15 March

Year 11

Students on the M side of the year group should attend school at 8.40am and report under the covered way. The M side will be dismissed at 11.25am. Students on the E side of the year group should attend school at 12.10pm and report under the covered way. The E side will be dismissed at 2.55pm. Students will be supervised in one of our larger venues to allow private revision and complete some past papers for the core subjects.

Year 12

Students on the M side of the year group should attend school at 8.40am and report directly to the private study area. Students will be supervised while carrying out private revision until 11.25am, when they will be dismissed. The E side of the year group should attend school at 12.10pm and report directly to the private study area, where they will be supervised while carrying out private revision until 2.55pm, when they will be dismissed.

Thursday 16 March

Year 11

Students on the M side of the year group should attend school at 8.40am and report under the covered way. The M side will be dismissed at 11.25am. Students on the E side of the year group should attend school at 12.10pm and report under the covered way. The E side will be dismissed at 2.55pm. Students will be supervised in one of our larger venues to allow private revision and complete some past papers for the core subjects.

Year 13

Students on the M side of the year group should attend school at 8.40am and report directly to the private study area. Students will be supervised while carrying out private revision until 11.25am, when they will be dismissed. The E side of the year group should attend school at 12.10pm and report directly to the private study area, where they will be supervised while carrying out private revision until 2.55pm, when they will be dismissed.

Note – Year 11, 12 & 13 students should attend these sessions in full school uniform and bring revision materials with them. When these year groups are at home, they should carry out independent study and keep an eye on their Google Classroom for work.

In addition to the offer for Year 11, 12 & 13, we will provide a pop-up provision for our vulnerable students and the children of *some* key workers. These students should attend school in full school uniform and congregate in Dining Room 2 at 8.40am. They will be taken to a computer room and supervised while completing work and activities given to all students in their year group. For Key Worker children, we are only able to offer places to those in the list below, which is different to those during COVID due to our restricted capacity.

Therefore, those students eligible for attendance at our pop-up provision are outlined below:

Vulnerable Category V1

- Are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, (including children and young people who have a child in need plan or a child protection plan) and children who are looked-after by the local authority.

Vulnerable Category V2

- Have an education, health and care (EHC) plan.
- Children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services or who have recently received support from children's social care services.
- Are adopted children or children on a special guardianship order.
- Living in temporary accommodation.
- Are young carers.

Critical Worker Children - C1

Health and Social Care

Doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical equipment.

Education and Childcare

Teachers, teaching assistants, school support staff- including premises and catering, social workers, specialist education providers, and childcare staff.

Frontline Emergency Service Workers

Police, fire and rescue, coastguard.

If you feel you meet the criteria for a key worker or your child is in the vulnerable category above and you intend to send your child to school on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March, please complete the form below, giving as much detail as possible:

[Pop Up Form](#)

We need to be able to plan for this day and so this form must be completed by 5pm on Tuesday 14 March. The pop-up provision will be dismissed at 2.55pm.

For all other year groups, students are expected to remain at home and carry out an independent study day using the information that will be provided on Google Classroom on the morning of the strike. There will be some work provided which the senior leadership team will set but it will not follow their normal timetable and will be more generic in its style.

For children eligible for free school meals, Mr Garner will write separately to you with the plans to provide these for them. Lunch will only be provided for free school meals students in Year 11, 12, 13 and Pop-Up on the day. All other Pop-Up students should bring a packed lunch.

Thank you, again, for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Gibson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr P Gibson
Headteacher