



24 April 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Strike Action – School Provision – Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May

As you may be aware, the NEU recently announced two further strike days on the dates above. This action is slightly different, as the NEU has released dispensation guidance to support Year 11 and Year 13 students ahead of their examinations. Whilst a normal timetable is not possible, we are, on this occasion, able to offer something different to Year 11 and 13 students. 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:

Year 13

Students should arrive in the study area for 8.50am where they will be given a timetable of planned sessions for that day based on staff availability. It is our hope that most subjects will have at least one session in the day but there may be clashes between the subjects a student studies. We will, however, try to keep this to a minimum. The sessions will be revision and exam technique based. Once the last session for their subjects is complete, they will be free to leave site and continue independent study at home.

Year 11

At 8.45am, students should arrive at the main hall, where they will be given their timetable for the morning.

Students will have a morning of core subjects. Students will be in classrooms with subject specialist teachers and have delivery of revision, exam technique or a walking-talking mock in English and Maths or Science. These will run between 9am and midday, when students will be dismissed to continue their study independently at home.

The revision sessions have been planned, so that students will experience all 3 core subjects across the 27 April and 2 May and are bespoke to their tier of entry.

Note – Year 11 & 13 students should attend these sessions in full school uniform.

In addition to the offer for Year 11 & 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 following list, which is different to those during COVID due to our restricted capacity.

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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 <u>and</u> you intend to send your child to school, please complete the form below, giving as much detail as possible:

Pop Up Form

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.

We are aware that Year 10 students have GCSE RE this summer and whilst they will not be in school on the strike days we are organising time off time table for a drop down day in RE on the 12 May.

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, 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

Mr P Gibson Headteacher