



21 April 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **NEU Industrial Action – School Provision – Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May**

We have now completed the risk assessment for next week's industrial action and unfortunately, we are unable to open fully to all students. 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:

#### **Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May**

##### **Identified students and children of keyworkers**

A 'pop-up' provision will be provided for our identified students as outlined in the Department for Education guidance, and the children of **some** keyworkers. These students should attend school in full school uniform, complete with Tools for Learning and congregate in the canteen at 8.40am. They will be taken to a computer room and supervised while completing work and activities directed to other students.

Students falling under the identified category will be invited directly by the school.

Please note the ranking below for key workers, which will be used if we have to cap numbers due to a very limited number of staff working on this strike day. Please complete the attached Microsoft Form if you feel you qualify for school attendance during this week's industrial action. Unfortunately, anyone who's job falls outside of this category will not be able to attend school on the strike days.

##### **1) 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.

##### **2) Education and childcare**

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

##### **3) Frontline emergency service workers**

Police, fire and rescue, coastguard.

If you feel you meet the criteria for a keyworker and you intend to send your child to school on Thursday 27 April and/or Tuesday 2 May, please click on the link to complete the form, giving as much detail as possible by 9am on Tuesday 25 April. If we are unable to provide a space for you for the strike day, we will call you by the end of the day on Tuesday 25 April.

[Thursday 27 April Booking Form](#)

[Tuesday 2 May Booking Form](#)

## **Year 11**

### **Thursday 27 April**

Students will be expected to attend school on **Thursday**. They should bring their Tools for Learning and students should assemble in the Quad at 08.40. They should wear school uniform as normal, and the day will follow a normal timetable.

### **Tuesday 2 May**

Students in Year 11 will be following a normal timetable on Tuesday, but this will follow a Monday Week 2 timetable and students should bring the resources and books required for this teaching day. (This adjustment is linked to staff availability and helps to offset the bank holidays and state occasions that have occurred on Mondays across this academic year).

## **Year 10**

### **Thursday 27 April**

Students will be in lessons from 08.40 until 12:30, at which time they may leave to go home. They should bring their Tools for Learning and students should assemble in the Quad at 8.40am. They should wear school uniform as normal.

Alternatively, any students wishing to stay on site after 12:30 will be given a supervised study room so that they may work quietly, readying themselves for their upcoming PPE examinations which begin the following week.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and intends to go home at 12:30, a lunch can be ordered using the form below. Your child can then collect their lunch from the canteen at 12:30 before they leave the school site.

### **[Year 10 Free School Meal Booking Form - Thursday 27 April](#)**

### **Tuesday 2 May**

Students in Year 10 will be expected to attend on Tuesday and will be completing lessons during period 1 before taking part in their science field work from period 2 onwards. Students should wear school uniform, but trainers or wellington boots will be permitted on this day as the students will be walking the short distance up the road to a nearby farm to complete their fieldwork.

## **Years 7, 8 and 9**

For all other year groups, students are expected to remain at home and carry out independent study days. Resources for each year group will be published on the strike days themselves.

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

### **Enrichment Trips**

Unfortunately, the strikes have been scheduled for a day when we had planned to take students from these three-year groups out on three different trips. These trips have now been postponed. We are currently working with the venues and bus companies to find alternative dates later in the school term and we will update you in due course about this matter.

### **Free School Meals**

If your child is not in school over the strike days and is eligible for free school meals, you are welcome to order a food parcel to collect on each day. You will be able to collect a food parcel on the morning of Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May, either from the school reception or the Weller Centre. Please indicate on the form where you would like to collect it from. **Please complete the Free School Meal form by 09:00 on Tuesday 25 April.**

### **[Year 7, 8 & 9 Free School Meals Booking Form](#)**

As you can see the strikes have presented us with a range of logistical challenges which we are attempting to overcome where possible and I thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Andy Hartley  
Headteacher