

February 2023

**NEU Strike Action, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Dear Parent/Carer,

The next strike by NEU members is due to take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. This action is not against the school itself but is part of national industrial action organised by these trades unions about pay, workload and school funding.

Under trade union law, staff are not required to tell me of their intention to strike and furthermore, I am not allowed to direct non-striking staff to cover for striking colleagues. Based on the information that I have received, it will not be possible to operate as normal on that day. This decision is based on safety grounds, as there will not be enough staff to supervise the students.

**Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 students should stay at home on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.** Some suggested activities that your child can do are on the next page of this letter.

**Year 11 students will have some lessons in school.** Exact times will be confirmed in another letter when timetables have been finalised. This letter will be given directly to students after half-term.

I understand that this will be a great inconvenience to many of you, but is unavoidable.

If your child is in Years 7-10, and is normally in receipt of a free school meal, you can order a packed lunch for collection by completing this [form](#). The meal will then be ready to collect between 11.00am and 12.00pm on the day.

At this point, I should advise you that the NEU have two more strike days planned at this stage; these are Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. It is highly likely that I will have to make similar plans for the school on those days. We must all hope that the issues over which the industrial action has arisen are resolved as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Headteacher

## **Suggested activities for years 7-10**

[Oak National Academy Online Classroom \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy/)

Lots of online lessons and resources linked to all curriculum subjects.

[Secondary Homework Help | Online subjects - BBC Bitesize](#)

As above, plenty of resources linked to all curriculum subjects, divided into KS3 and KS4.

[GCSEPod](#)

Year 10 students have their own login to access this resource.

[www.french-games.net](http://www.french-games.net)

[www.spanish-games.net](http://www.spanish-games.net)

[www.german-games.net](http://www.german-games.net)

Games for learning vocabulary in foreign languages.

[MathsWatch](#)

Students have their own login to access a huge amount of maths resources.