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Dear Parent/Carer,

NEU Teacher Strike Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023

I am sure you are aware that the next of a series of four strikes by teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) is expected to take place on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

Due to the numbers of teaching staff in the NEU who will be striking, it is necessary to make some adjustments on these days. We have attempted to rotate the year groups in school over the 4 days of strike action, but have also taken into consideration the number of lessons in each year group likely to be affected by striking teachers. I know you will appreciate the complexities of these arrangements and our aim to minimise any disruption to learning and the effective running of the school.

Wednesday 15th March

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 should all attend school on Wednesday 15th March and students in Year 7 and Year 11 will work remotely using their Chromebooks/devices at home.

Year 7 and Year 11 students will be set work and have pre-recorded lessons to complete on the day, although there may be some gaps where their teachers are striking and do not provide work. If this is the case, they should use one of the online resources they have to accelerate their learning in another subject such as maths or science. Year 11 students have ample revision resources to support them should work not be set for any lesson period.

Thursday 16th March

Students in Years 7, 8 and 11 should all attend school on Thursday 16th March and students in Year 9 and Year 10 will work remotely using devices at home.

Year 9 and Year 10 students will be set work and have pre-recorded lessons to complete on the day, although there may be some gaps where their teachers are striking and do not provide work. If this is the case, they should use one of the online resources they have to accelerate their learning in another subject such as maths or science.

For students required to attend school on either day, we will, again, operate a delayed start to allow us to adjust for any unplanned and unknown staff absences on the morning. Students can, however, arrive at the normal time and attend an extended breakfast club if you so wish.

It is crucially important that students attend school when required to do so and also complete lessons remotely. Attendance at school or remotely is compulsory and although attendance has remained relatively high on previous strike days, it has been lower than it should be. Students should attend unless unwell and then the usual procedures of informing the school absence line need to be followed.

We will have provision for any students who are vulnerable or have an EHCP and will communicate with parents/carers separately about these arrangements so that they can attend school on both days.

Students currently attending LEAP in any year groups should continue to do so at the normal times on both days.

Any students who would normally receive a free school meal should ask the catering staff for their packed lunch on Tuesday or we can arrange for them to come into school to collect this on Wednesday and/or Thursday. Please contact the school reception if you wish to use this service and make arrangements for lunch collection.

If your child is required to work remotely and you do not have a device or internet connection available, please contact Mrs Rust or Mrs Chin as soon as possible and we will be able to provide support for this.

We are sorry for any inconvenience and disruption caused, but are trying to keep this to a minimum.

Wednesday 15th March

- **Year 7 to remain at home on Wednesday and work through the lessons on their timetable for the day in Google Classroom where these are available**
- **Year 8 to arrive at school on Wednesday between 10:15 and 10:20 (unless attending breakfast club from 8am)**
- **Year 9 to arrive at school on Wednesday between 10:15 and 10:20 (unless attending breakfast club from 8am)**
- **Year 10 to arrive at school on Wednesday between 9:45 and 9:55 (unless attending breakfast club from 8am)**
- **Year 11 to remain at home on Wednesday and work through the lessons on their timetable for the day in Google Classroom where these are available**

Thursday 16th March

- **Year 7 to arrive at school on Thursday between 10:15 and 10:20 (unless attending breakfast club from 8am)**
- **Year 8 to arrive at school on Thursday between 10:15 and 10:20 (unless attending breakfast club from 8am)**
- **Year 9 to remain at home on Thursday and work through the lessons on their timetable for the day in Google Classroom where these are available**
- **Year 10 to remain at home on Thursday and work through the lessons on their timetable for the day in Google Classroom where these are available**
- **Year 11 to arrive on Thursday between 9:45 and 9:55 (unless attending breakfast club from 8am)**

If you have any questions or queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Burridge
Headteacher



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