



14th March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

When I wrote to you last week, I explained that we would be inviting year 9 in on Wednesday and year 10 in on Thursday. Unfortunately, due to a combination of staff illness and additional striking colleagues, I am no longer able to facilitate meaningful and purposeful learning on site for these 2 year groups and they will need to remain at home for both days.

To sum up, the revised arrangements are as follows:

- **Wednesday - Years 11, 12 and 13 are in school. All leave at 1.30.**
- **Thursday - Years 11, 12 and 13 are in school. All leave at 1.30.**

Whilst I know that this will be frustrating and disappointing, the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the Government, and not the school. It is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of our students whilst respecting the rights of our staff.

Both year groups will be required to remain at home for those days. Work will be provided via Google classroom and we will be supporting children to be able to access this. These will not be live lessons and so children can complete the work throughout the day. If your child does not have access to a laptop, it is important that they make their Raising Standards Leader aware of this so that paper copies of the work can be provided. Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide chromebooks for students to take home.

For a small group of students with specific needs, we will provide the option of onsite provision so that they can carry out the remote work under supervision. If your child is identified as requiring this need, we will contact you separately to confirm arrangements.

FSM Pupils that are not attending on the strike day will be issued with a voucher, these will be forwarded shortly. FSM students who are in school will have the standard arrangements to purchase their lunch.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. If the strike action is called off then we will confirm this as soon as we have been notified and, in this eventuality, the school will be open as usual to all students.

Should the strikes be cancelled, even at short notice we will be opening the school for all year groups. If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please do contact us.

Yours sincerely

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