

26 January 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Strike Action – School Provision - Wednesday 1 February**

Thank you for your patience whilst we conducted a risk assessment of our safe operational capacity in response to the National Education Union's announcement that teachers who are members have voted to take strike action. We have now completed the risk assessment for Wednesday 1 February, and 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:

#### **Year 11**

School will remain open for Year 11 students. This will be to either sit their PPE's or to study independently with staff supervision. Students should wear their normal school uniform, bring revision materials with them and can choose to either bring in a packed lunch or to purchase a lunch at school. Snacks will be available at break time as usual.

#### **Years 7-10**

Unless your child qualifies for a space at our pop-up provision (see below), students in years 7 to 10 will be asked to stay at home. Suggested resources for independent study will follow in a separate email.

Any child eligible to free school meals in years 7-10 who has been asked to stay at home will be able to collect a packed lunch at the end of the day on 31 January 2023. We will only provide a packed lunch if this is pre-ordered using the form [here](#) and this can be collected from main reception at 3:10pm.

Please use the same form if your child does not have access to IT at home and you would like to request the use of a chrome book for the day to access independent study resources. Once confirmed, chrome books will be available for collection from main reception at 3:10pm and must be returned to main reception on Thursday 2 February.

#### **Pop-up provision**

A pop-up provision will be provided for our vulnerable students and the children of *some* critical workers.

If you feel that your child may be eligible for a space at the pop-up provision **and** you intend to send your child to school on 1 February 2023, please refer to the form [here](#) for further guidance and to request a space. We will be unable to accept students on the day if they have not been pre-registered and if confirmation of your child's space has not been received.

On 1 February, these students should attend school in full school uniform, enter through the PE entrance and congregate in the sports hall for 8:30am. Students will be taken to a computer room and will be supervised while completing independent study from a list of suggested resources. Students attending the pop-up provision will be able to bring in a packed lunch or will be able to purchase a lunch from the canteen. Normal free school meal eligibility will apply.

Thank you, again, for your patience and understanding in this matter. **Please note that all requests for packed lunches, spaces in the pop-up provision and the loan of a chrome book must be received by 9:00am on Monday 30 January 2023.**

Yours sincerely



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