



Friday 27th January, 2023

Industrial Action - Wednesday 1st February - Whole School Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Following my communication last week, I am writing to let you know that the scheduled industrial action for Wednesday 1st February is going ahead.

Based on the information I have from NEU members, my risk assessment and conversations with the Trust and Governors I have made the decision to restrict attendance to:

- Vulnerable children [full day]
- Year 12 [am only]
- Year 13 [full day]
- Those sitting public examinations on Wednesday 1st February, 2023 [full day].

Please read the information below carefully to ensure you have full details.

Public Examinations

- On Wednesday 1st the BTEC Information Technology examination is scheduled for 18 of our Year 11 students.
- This examination will go ahead & attendance for these students is compulsory.
- You will receive a phone call from a member of staff regarding arrangements for this.

Curriculum

- We will ensure that work is provided for all Key Stage 3 and 4 students to complete on the day.
- The work will be emailed to students the day before, if you require a hard copy of this please let the school know [via the House emails] and I will ensure this is available.

Priority Provision

- As stated above, we will provide on site provision for any students classed as vulnerable.
- Please refer to the definition notes on page 21 the DfE Guidance shared below for clarity on who this covers.



- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1114577/Emergency_planning_and_response_for_education_childcare_and_childrens_social_care_settings.pdf

Arrangements for Wednesday 1st February

- For those students attending the school site on Wednesday 1st our school transport service will run as normal.
- Key Stage 5 students should gather in the Sixth Form area for registration.
- All other students should enter via the main reception and gather in the main hall.
- There will be staff ready to welcome students from 08.00am.
- Students are free to bring a packed lunch or purchase food from the canteen.
- Please note, there will be no after school provision.

Free School Meal Provision

- If your child is NOT attending the school site on Wednesday 1st but you would still like school to fulfil your child’s free school meal entitlement please email us [via our House emails below] by Monday 30th January, 3.00pm.
- We will then ensure that a packed lunch is provided.

Communication

- As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions using our House email addresses below.

Whole School Information	St Bernadette	St Catherine Laboure	St John Fisher	St Therese
info@stthomasmore.org.uk	s_stbqueries@stthomasmore.org.uk	s_stclqueries@stthomasmore.org.uk	s_stjfqueries@stthomasmore.org.uk	s_sttqueries@stthomasmore.org.uk

To conclude, I am aware that this situation may cause disruption for our students and families. This is not a decision that has been taken lightly. In making this decision I have prioritised the health and safety of our students.

With regards to future scheduled industrial action I will inform you of our response in due course.

Please be assured that we will do anything we can to ensure students are fully supported. If you feel your child requires any additional support please do not hesitate to contact us.





Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Turner
Head Teacher

