



Thursday 29th June, 2023

Industrial Action - Wednesday 5th & Friday 7th July - Whole School Update

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Following my communication last week, I am writing to let you know that currently the scheduled industrial action for Wednesday 5th & Friday 7th July 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 for particular year groups as outlined in the table below:

	Wednesday 5th July	Friday 7th July
Year 7	Pupils to work at home	Pupils to work at home
Year 8	Pupils to work at home	Pupils to work at home
Year 9	Pupils to work at home YMT Summer Festival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This will go ahead as planned. ● See details below. 	Pupils to work at home
Year 10	Geography Field Trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This will go ahead as planned; it is essential that pupils studying Geography attend ● See details below. YMT Summer Festival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This will go ahead as planned. ● See details below. All other Year 10 pupils to work at home	Pupils to work at home



Year 11	N/A Prom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will go ahead as planned 	Year 11 Sixth Form Induction Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will go ahead as planned. See details below.
Year 12	Attend school as normal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils should bring independent revision for any instances where staff are not present 	Year 12 Volunteers [Induction Day] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 50 pupils that have volunteered to support the Year 11 Induction day should attend as normal. All other Year 12 pupils to work at home
Year 13	N/A	N/A

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

Arrangements for Year 12 [Wednesday 5th July]

- Students should gather in the Sixth Form area for registration.
- 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.

Year 10 Geography Field Work [Wednesday 5th July]

- Students who are due to go on the field trip should come to school as normal. These are students in the following classes:
 - 10GY3A [Mr Lawrence]
 - 10GY3B [Miss Burns]
 - 10GY2A [Mrs Devlin]
- They should be in school uniform but have a change of comfortable shoes if necessary [as indicated on the original letter].

Year 11 Induction Day [Friday 7th July]

- All students who are planning to return to Sixth form to continue their studies are invited back into school to continue their preparations for entry into Year 12.
- Students should arrive at the Sixth Form Centre entrance at 8.45am and the day will finish at 2.50pm.
- Lunch will be provided.
- Students are expected in full school uniform.



YMT Summer Festival [Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th July]

- This will go ahead as planned.
- Pupils should arrive at school to sign in at reception for 12.00pm and gather in the main hall ready to travel to the festival as planned.
- Pupils should eat lunch beforehand.
- Pupils will return to school as planned on Friday 7th July in time for the school buses.

Curriculum

- We will ensure that work is provided for all Key Stage 3 and 4 students to complete on both days.
- 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.
- Please note that the completion of this work is not compulsory; if students have work set by their individual teachers this should be prioritised.

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_children_s_social_care_settings.pdf

Free School Meal Provision

- If your child is **NOT** attending the school site on Wednesday or Friday, 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 3rd July.
- 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.

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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.

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