



24th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As promised, I am now in a position to share with you our plan for next Wednesday 1st February, when the National Education Union (NEU) are due to take strike action.

In line with Department for Education guidance, alongside the uncertainty of not knowing which teaching staff will attend that day, we will open the school for the following students:

- All Year 11s; they will attend normal lessons where staff are available. Where this is not feasible, students will be supervised to complete revision and activities to enhance their mock preparation.
- Students with additional needs and/or vulnerabilities, including all those with EHCPs; parents of these students will be contacted directly and supervised for the day, undertaking supervised learning activities.
- Students whose parents are critical workers and who cannot work at home; if parents or carers believe they fall into this category, please e-mail your child's Head of Year, stating clearly your occupation and he/she will confirm your child's attendance. The link to critical worker definitions is below.

**[Withdrawn] Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))**

The timings of the school day will be as normal, food service will be as normal and full school uniform should be worn.

Arrangements for registration will be different but we will confirm these with parents, carers and the students at the start of next week.

**For students in Year 7 to 10 who will not be in school**, we will endeavour to make study materials available via Edulink. In line with strike regulations, we will not be providing live online lessons and due to the strike action, may not be possible for all learners, although we will do our utmost to mitigate this.

It is important to point out, that if the strike action does not go ahead for whatever reason, then we will update the plan and open in full as long as any change falls within a manageable deadline. Additionally, once we have seen the reality of the provision on the 1st February, we will be in a better position to plan for the future strike days, if they go ahead, and look at how we might potentially accommodate additional year groups.

Once again, I would like to reiterate my sympathy with and empathy for the difficulty and complexity all stakeholders are dealing with in navigating this situation and thank everybody in advance for their support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

*W Thompson.*

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