



28th June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am now in a position to share with you our plan for Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July, 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 on these days, we will open the school for the following students:

- All Year 10 and Year 9 students will attend normal lessons on **both** days where staff are available. Where this is not feasible, students will be supervised to complete revision and activities to enhance their learning.
- Parents of students with additional needs and/or vulnerabilities will be contacted directly to invite them to attend school, including all those with EHCPs. These students will be supervised for the day, undertaking learning activities supported by teachers and learning support assistants.
- 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[Withdrawn] Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

The timings of the school day for those who are in school, will be as normal, food service will be as normal and full school uniform should be worn by all students.

For students in Year 7 and 8 who will not be in school, we will endeavour to make study materials available via Edulink where possible, though due to strike regulations we will not be able to provide online lessons and setting work may not be possible for all learners due to staff on strike.

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. Parents will be notified via text message and Edulink in this case.

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.

MR. W. THOMPSON
Principal