

21 April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Partial School Closures on 27 April 2023 and Tuesday, 2 May 2023

We have been informed by the NEU union that they will be taking industrial action on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday, 2 May 2023. This action is part of national industrial action organised by this trade union.

There is no requirement on unions to say which members of staff will take action. However, we anticipate a large number of teaching staff will take action. As a result, it will not be possible to run normal lessons on the days. Regulations relating to industrial action also make it difficult to cover lessons and so the position is more complex than simply dealing with a reduced number of adults on the school site.

As a result of our assessment of potential risks we will need to partially close Park to students. We will be running Key Worker school and then having Year 11 students in with some time for Year 10 students to continue with their preparation for GCSE exams.

For children who are not in school, learning materials are available on the school's shared area which can be accessed via student log-ons. Students can also access their work via Google Classroom.

Thursday 27 April 2023

Year 10 will be in school for the morning only for English Literature masterclasses on this day. They should arrive in school at 8.45 am and will leave at 11.15 am.

Year 11 will be in school for GCSE preparation, including mock examinations. They should arrive at 9.10 am and most students will leave at 1.15 pm. However, students studying higher tier Science will remain in school for a further hour for a GCSE masterclass and selected students will stay to complete their GCSE PE exam. These students will leave school at approximately 2.15 pm.

Tuesday 2 May 2023

Year 10 will be in school for the morning only for English Literature masterclasses on this day. They should arrive in school at 8.45 am and will leave at 11.15 am. However, Year 10 students studying Performing Arts will remain in school to complete an assessed unit until 1.15 pm.

Year 11 will be in school for GCSE preparation, including mock examinations. They should arrive at 9.10 am and leave at 1.15 pm.

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We also will provide a reduced programme for vulnerable Year 7-9 students, those whose parents are critical workers or free school meal children who wish to have their free meal. This may be based around independent study rather than lessons. If you have a child who you think fits the criteria and you would like to attend school, **please register your interest by completing the e-forms found at these links:**

Thursday, 27 April 2023 - <https://forms.office.com/e/vSvBum7Jkv>

Tuesday, 2 May 2023 - <https://forms.office.com/e/jDHF6hNhrA>

This is the ONLY way to enrol your child onto the reduced programme and you will need to complete one e-form per child.

If we are unable to accommodate your child we will inform you in advance as far as that will be possible. The school restaurant will offer a reduced service on the day for those in school, including a free school meal for those in receipt of free school meals. School uniform should be worn as normal.

If the number of staff taking action is greater on the day (we will not know this until the day of the strike action), the decision to further reduce provision or completely close may have to be taken at the last minute. Every effort will be made to give notice the day before but, in case the decision has to be made on the day itself that we cannot even provide private study, we are asking parents to **nominate a place of safety** which, for example may be your home, to which your child can go if we need to close. **Please make sure your child knows what they should do if this is the case and we are unable to keep him/her in school.**

We hope that the issues over which the industrial action has arisen are resolved as soon as possible. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience that this causes you and your family. The rest of both weeks is normal school.

Yours faithfully

Christopher Anders
Headteacher

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Head of School