

Headteacher: Mr S C Elphick

27 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Strike action - Wednesday 1st February

I wrote to you a week ago to "strongly encourage parents of students in years 7-9 to consider contingency child-care arrangements in the event that we are not able to admit your child on Wednesday 1st February." I promised to write again when I had a clearer picture.

Having sought information from teachers, taken legal advice and consulted our Chair of Governors, I write today to notify you that we will only be able to safely admit years 11, 12 and 13 on Wednesday 1st February.

Unfortunately, this means that years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will not be able to attend school on Wednesday 1st February. As you will already be aware, we also have an INSET day in the calendar for Tuesday 31st January, the day before, when no students will be in school.

Teachers who are not striking will be expected to provide remote learning through Google Classroom, some of which may be 'live' lessons. Striking teachers are not obliged to set any work and as I am unable to inform you which teachers are and are not striking, your child will experience, inevitably, a mixed and unpredictable provision of work on Wednesday.

Although some weeks away, please note that the NEU is planning to take further strike action on the following dates for which some contingency planning would be prudent:

- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March 2023

Best wishes.

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