

NW/VS/April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

NEU Strike Action

You will be aware of the Strike action in schools across England. This action will take place on, Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. The strike action is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and school funding. It is not because of any specific issues at our school.

I am writing to you in order to provide you with as much notice as possible that school will be closed to all pupils except those we feel are better placed to be in school. We can only open the school if we have enough staff on site to keep everyone safe and I have made the decision to close to pupils except those who we have been in contact with.

Thursday 27th April 2023

Year 11

All pupils studying **Art** will be expected to attend school from 8.30-2pm. School will provide lunch for pupils on this day free of charge.

All pupils studying **Health & Social Care** will be expected to attend school from 8.30-2pm. School will provide lunch for pupils on this day free of charge.

Pupils who are involved in their final **MFL GCSE** assessments should be in school at the arranged time.

Year 9

All of year 9 exams will go ahead as pre planned. Pupils must arrive at school at 8.30am and gather in the School Canteen. The exams will all take place on Thursday and the pupils will leave school after 12.15pm.

Year 6

Will be in school all day to work on pre-planned support for their coming SATS

Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Year 11

All pupils studying GCSE Art who have their final exam will be expected to be in school from 8.30am to 2.50pm. School will provide lunch for pupils on this day free of charge.

Pupils are expected to arrive in school uniform.

The strike action against the Government relates to rising costs in school and the lack of funding to support children's education.

Therefore, as a direct result of these issues, many teachers in schools across the country will be choosing to strike. Not for their own pay particularly, but because they fear for the education profession in general and the impact sustained underfunding is having on their pupils and your children.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to the teachers and support staff in our school. They work tirelessly for the good of every child in their care as well as our entire community. They give their time freely and care immensely about the children they work with.

Please be assured we are all **committed to providing a safe and secure environment for your child as well as delivering high-quality teaching in the classroom.**

If your child, primary or secondary, would like a warm meal or sandwiches these will be on offer in school from 12.10-12.50pm in the Secondary Canteen. Can pupils please inform their class teacher or form tutor by Tuesday of their intention to take up this offer so we can cater accordingly.

Yours faithfully

Neil Wilkinson

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