

25th November 2011

Dear Parents/Carers

Wednesday 30th November 2011

Due to national strike action across the public sector **The Malling School will be only partially open on Wednesday, 30th November**. The strike has been called by most public unions and is in response to the Government proposed pension changes which will see teachers and non- teachers work longer, pay an increased contribution, and receive less when they retire. Not all of our staff are involved in the strike but some, with great reluctance, will be taking action on Wednesday 30th November. The argument is not with the school or with the local authority employers but with the Government.

Unfortunately, because classes may not be covered by other staff in the case of industrial action and because of the need to ensure that all children are appropriately supervised when at school we will need to make the following alterations to the school day:

Year 7-9 Students attached to the Tydeman Centre should not attend school

Other students in Years 7 and 9 start school at 11am (normal finish)

Year 8 students not attached to the Tydeman Centre attend as normal

Year 10 attend as normal (all students)

Year 11 finish at 1.40pm (all students although those involved in the extra PET lessons may stay on until 3.20pm)

Year 12 Food students will have private study during that lesson

All other Year 12 and 13 students attend as usual

Students who are asked to start late should not be on the school site before that time as they will not be supervised. A very small number of students will be doing private study, under supervision, during one of their lessons. Taxi companies have been informed of the changes and buses should be running as normal.

I apologise to the parents of the few children that are affected by this industrial dispute and I know that making alternative arrangements for them may be difficult. However, I hope that you understand the reasons for this decision and continue to be supportive of staff at the school who do an excellent job for our children.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions about these arrangements.

Yours sincerely

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