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## **Dear Parents/Carers**

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of March members of the National Education Union (NEU) will be taking industrial action and a number of teaching staff will not be in school on these days.

To minimise disruption to pupils and to ensure the school site can operate safely, we are taking the following actions:

- Years 7, 8 and 9 will remain at home. Pupils will be invited to a remote briefing via a
  Zoom link (emailed to pupil email addresses) on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March where the
  educational plans for the day will be outlined. This will include independent work and
  links to resources.
- Year 10 pupils to attend school as normal. The normal timetable will be followed where possible but some lessons will be covered by staff other than their usual teacher.
- Year 11 pupils to attend school. Lessons will be attended as normal. Where subject teachers are absent, pupils will be completing revision tasks in the hall with subject specialists.
- Year 12 and 13 pupils to attend as normal. Where teachers are not in school, pupils will be working in the Sixth Form Hub.
- All year 7, 8 and 9 pupils in receipt of free school meals will receive an e-voucher that will be emailed to parents.
- We will provide a limited provision for pupils in Years 7, 8, and 9 who are part of the SRP, have an EHCP, have parent(s) who are critical workers, or for pupils whose parents have concerns about them remaining at home unsupervised. This provision will include supervised access to remote learning. If you would like your child to access this provision, please click here to complete this form before 3pm on 14th March.



Asking pupils to remain at home is not a decision that we have taken lightly, but in view of the circumstances we must ensure that the school site remains safe and that pupils are given the best opportunity to access meaningful work, be it in school or via remote working.

The timings of the school day will remain the same and all pupils are expected in school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Year 10 Parents' Evening has been rescheduled to the 30<sup>th</sup> of March as per the letter sent earlier this week.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and understanding in challenging circumstances.

Yours sincerely

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Mr J Vennart Headteacher