

Dear Parent/Carers,

NEU Strike Action – Wednesday 1st February 2023

You may be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) is planning national strike action on Wednesday 1st February 2023. This is due to a dispute with the government, not with the school. As a result of this, the school is not able to open to all students on this day, and instead, must prioritise certain students for face-to-face schooling and others will be at home learning remotely. This was a difficult decision for the school to make but is necessary due to the high degree of uncertainty associated with strike action and the numbers of staff it will involve.

Provision in school

Following the Department of Education guidance to schools, in the event of strike action, schools should prioritise students taking public examinations and children deemed by the school to be vulnerable to attend school. We have also included Year 7 as they are our youngest students and Year 12 as they are able to complete private study in the Sixth Form Centre if their teacher is not in school.

Year 7

All students in Year 7 should attend school as normal. They will be taught by their teachers and will follow their normal timetable. If their timetabled teacher is absent their lesson will be covered by members of the leadership team.

Year 11

All students in Year 11 should attend school as normal. They will be taught by their teachers and will follow their normal timetable. If their timetabled teacher is absent, they will be able to complete independent revision, supervised by members of the leadership team.

Year 12 and 13

All students in Year 12 and 13 should attend school as normal. They will be taught by their teachers and will follow their normal timetable. If their timetabled teacher is absent, they will be able to complete independent private study in the Sixth Form Study Centre.

The parents of children who are identified as vulnerable will be contacted directly by Learning Support Officers in the coming days to confirm their attendance in school.

Remote provision for students at home

Years 8, 9 and 10

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will not be in school on this day. The Senior leadership Team is creating a series of lessons for each of these year groups that they can access from home. Resources are being hand selected from established online educational sources such as Oak National Academy, Sparx Maths and Educake. These resources will be emailed to students via their school email before 8:45am on Wednesday 1 February.

Wider pastoral support

We recognise that students may need support whilst they are learning from home, and we encourage students to contact their Learning Support Officers:

Year 8 and Year 9 – Ms Dean mdean@rossettschool.co.uk

Year 10 - Ms Ali-Yosef faliyosef@rossettschool.co.uk

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we will offer them a packed lunch to collect on Tuesday after school, which they can use for the lunch the next day, whilst at home.

Further strike action

The NEU have announced further strikes on 28 February, 15 and 16 March. After the initial strike action on Wednesday 1 February, we will communicate with you about each other strike and any changes to the plans laid out here.

I would like to thank you in advance for your understanding and hope that the industrial action is resolved quickly preventing the need for further action planned for later this term.

Yours sincerely

Mr Saunders