



West Park

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Dear West Park Families

Further to my letter of last week, I can now provide further details regarding the teacher strikes that are taking place during February and March. These strikes are scheduled to take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Wednesday 1st March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

The National Education Union (NEU) has taken the decision to take strike action and we have a significant number of NEU members working at the school. This strike action is happening because of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and school funding, which significantly impacts on staff at our school.

The strike action will significantly impact on our ability to have pupils in school and for us to be able to deliver a full curriculum.

With the number of staff who are likely to be striking and considering the significant impact of other school closures/partial closures, we will be enacting the following plan on **Wednesday 1st February 2023**.

Year 11

Year 11 will be in attendance and have their external IT exam. All of our Year 11 pupils need to be in attendance on Wednesday 1st February. Year 11 should attend at the normal time, in full school uniform and be in their form room for 8:35 a.m. Their day will be scheduled as follows:

- 8:35 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Form Time
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. External IT Exam in the Sports Hall
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lesson 3
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lesson 4
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lesson 5

Year 11 lessons will either be taught sessions or provide opportunities for supervised independent study/revision.

Break/Lunch Service

An adapted break and lunch service will be available for the pupils who are in school. Service will take place in the main hall.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Pupils in Years 7 to 10 will not be in school on Wednesday 1st February. No specific remote learning tasks will be set but pupils can utilise curriculum resources on Firefly, GCSE Pod (their log-in is the same as their school log-in), Oak Academy or BBC Bitesize.

Free School Meals

Any pupil who is not in school but is entitled to Free School Meals can order a lunch grab bag. The deadline for submitting the form is 12:00 p.m. on Monday 30th January. These can be ordered by completing the form via the link below:

<https://www.westpark.derby.sch.uk/contingency/free-school-meals.php> .

Grab bags can be collected from the school Reception between 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday 1st February.

Additional Provision

There will be a very limited additional provision in place on Wednesday 1st February. There will be a provision for children of critical workers as defined by:

- Pupils who have **both** parents/carers (or the parent/carer is a single parent family) as critical workers.
- Critical workers will be considered as those working in the NHS and/or emergency services.

If you would like to request one of these places, please complete the form via the link below. The deadline for submitting the form is 12:00 p.m. on Monday 30th January.

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There will also be a very limited provision for pupils deemed vulnerable as defined by:

- Pupils with an EHCP (Education Health Care Plan).
- Pupils who are looked after (LAC) or Post looked after (PLAC).
- Pupils who are on the child protection register (CP) or identified as a child in need (CIN).

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Please note that these groups will be comprised of pupils from Year 7 to Year 10. Pupils will undertake either a range of pre-existing activities and/or supervised study. Pupils who are

allocated one of these places should attend in full school uniform and report to the main hall by 8:35 a.m. for registration and an explanation of their programme for the day. These pupils will also be able to access food and drink at break and lunch through the serveries in the main hall.

Provision on the Day

There will be no provision for pupils in Year 7 to Year 10 who just turn up on the day. All places must be allocated in advance so that registers can be put together and safeguarding actions can take place.

3:00 p.m. Finish

School will close to all pupils at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday 1st February. There will be no afterschool clubs, catch-up sessions or detentions on this day.

Future Strike Dates

We will continue to communicate with you and to consider plans for future strike dates. As always, we have a key focus on the safety of both staff and pupils.

Kind regards



Scott McGregor
Head