



30th January 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you are aware, the NEU has balloted its members and they will be striking on **Wednesday 1 February 2023**.

The planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government. We have to act in the interests of our pupils, whilst respecting the rights of our staff. In anticipation of this action, we have prepared a response plan to minimise disruption and ensure that pupils close to exams, vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers are still able to attend school in person.

**Pupils in Years 7 and 11 will come into school**, with work taking place as normal with their class teachers or with members of the leadership team if their class is affected by the strike.

**Pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 are to stay at home and study remotely through Google Classroom**. All pupils will be reminded how to log on and how to get to their online classes. Lessons will be delivered through Year Team Google Classrooms. Your child will already be a member of this Classroom, but as a reminder, the Class Codes are below:

Year 8: Class Code - sxye6zr

Year 9: Class Code - ynyev6b

Year 10: Class Code - cpw62ts

If you need any support with IT provision for the day, please contact the office in the first instance. Pupils working from home will be expected to log into their Google Classroom each period, where they will be following a lesson with work that they are expected to complete and submit their work at the end of each lesson.

Children of key workers may be able to attend school but, wherever possible, we would appreciate them working from home and joining lessons remotely as we have limited availability, and places will have to be allocated on the basis of needs. If they do come into school, they will be working online doing the same work as our pupils not in school, under the supervision of our support staff. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer lessons in the classroom with teachers on the day, in order to be able to meet the demands of the year groups we have invited in.

**If your child is a pupil in Years 8, 9 and 10 and you require your child to attend the school on Wednesday 1 February 2023 as you are a key worker, please contact Miss Rackley, Student Services in the first instance.** If you do not require a place for your child, then there is no requirement to tell us, as they can attend virtually along with other pupils. Please note that we will only be monitoring the attendance of pupils in Year 7 and 11 who are expected to attend school as usual.



If you are a parent of a vulnerable child we will contact you separately to confirm your child's attendance on strike days.

Any free school meal pupils who will not be on site on the day of the strike should contact Student Services. We will continue to monitor the arrangements in place and make modifications to improve support for pupils wherever possible. If the strike action is called off, we will confirm this as soon as we can and, in this eventuality, the school will be open as usual to all pupils.

The NEU has indicated that they will continue strike action for a further three days after this first strike on the 28 February, 15 March and 16 March. Please make a note of these dates now and I will write to you in advance of each date to confirm any changes to arrangements and whether the strike is going ahead.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please contact the school by email on [info@pleckgate.com](mailto:info@pleckgate.com) in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. M. McGinty'.

Mrs A McGinty

Headteacher