

8th March 2023

Dear parents and carers

As you know, the NEU is continuing with its industrial action on Wednesday and Thursday next week (i.e. 15th and 16th March).

The number of staff taking part in the action means that we will not be able to open to all year groups on these days, although as things stand we will be able to open to one more year group per day than we did on the last strike day. Therefore:

- On **Wednesday 15th March**, school will be open as normal to Years 7, 9, 11, 12 and 13. There may be some disruption to lessons, with cover work being set, but the great majority of lessons will be unaffected for most students. Years 8 and 10 will be set work to complete at home via Show My Homework in the same way that we did last time.
- On **Thursday 16th March**, school will be open to Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13. This means Years 8 and 9 will be set work to complete at home.

Please also note that the Year 12 trip to Chester University will still be going ahead as planned.

If your child has an EHCP and is in a year group that is not in school, please let the SEND team know if you would like us to accommodate them in school on the relevant day(s).

The logic behind having Years 7, 11 and 6th form in school remains the same as last time and having Year 9 in school on the Wednesday and Year 10 on the Thursday means that these year groups will at least have one of the two days in school. We cannot be confident of managing any more than this safely, which unfortunately means Year 8 will miss out this time; we will try to prioritise them if there are any more strikes later in the year.

Thank you again for your understanding about all of this. It is a sensitive issue and I am very pleased that we have so far been able to manage this as a community whilst maintaining positive relations.

Kind regards



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