

Our Ref: LTM/kmd/15-16marstrike

08 March 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Planned Industrial Action by the National Education Union (NEU)
Wednesday, 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023**

You will be aware that following previous strike action, members of the NEU have called further days of action on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023. This is national action and follows on from previous days which have impacted on all schools.

I am writing to inform you that due to the high number of teachers at Oldbury Wells School that are members of this union, we will be partially closed to students on this day.

Arrangements for these days are shown below:

- **6th Form** – All year 12 & 13 students will be required to attend 6th Form. Students will attend face to face sessions in school where teachers are available and be supported in the study centre during all other times.
- **Year 11** – Students are required in school and will continue to work through their scheduled Mock program. When not involved with exams, students will attend lessons where their teachers are available or be supported to undertake further revision,
- **All other Year Groups:** Students will work from home. Where possible we will be organising work for students to complete at home through the use of Satchel One using our normal distance learning procedures:

<http://www.oldburywells.com/parentguardian-information/distance-learning>

I am informing you of this decision now to allow you time to make any necessary alternative childcare arrangements where required. Should the strike be called off in time for us to change this decision, I will write to all parents immediately to inform them of further actions.

We will be providing support in school for students in years 7, 8, 9 & 10 whose parents/carers are critical workers and for students with a social worker or EHCP. For parents who require this support we would ask you complete the information on the following link by Monday, 13 March at 3:00pm to allow arrangements to be finalised:

<https://forms.office.com/e/GJ2XQYYPeR>

For those students working from home who would normally receive a Free School Meal, our canteen will be providing a 'grab bag' for collection at the end of the day on Tuesday, 14 March which can be collected from West Side Reception. Parents/Carers of students eligible for FSM can request this on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/UQCQjUDwd0>

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Thank you for your continued support and understanding during a period which has impacted on all schools. We have continued to support those students within their examination years in school and ensure that all other students have access to work from home to minimise the impact of days not physically in school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Tristham', written in a cursive style.

Lee Tristham
Headteacher