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Dear Parent Carer

**Re: Updates on Strike Action – Wednesday 1st March 2023**

Following our previous communication regarding the strike action by the National Education Union - NEU (<https://bit.ly/3jYB7YJ>) and the impact on Oldbury Wells School which will be closed to most students outside of Yr11-13, I write to provide further detail of how students working from home will be supported via distance learning. A reminder that guidance on technical information to support students working from home can be found on our school website (<http://bit.ly/3Y3oTMf>).

**For students in Years 7 to 10.** All activities to support students during the day will be set via Satchel One and be shown as 'Classwork'. These will be organised following the normal 5-lesson school day and will fall into one of three categories:

1. Classwork set by the teacher of the lesson. We anticipate most students will receive work for a proportion of their normal classes. In this case the normal class teacher may set specific work to be completed, this may involve a 'live' element through the use of Microsoft Teams and will require work to be submitted using the method shown (online or in class) within the guidance.
2. Completion of ongoing work. For some students, particularly Key Stage 4 students, activities linked to revision or preparation for formal assessment will have been discussed before the day. Where this is the case students will know where materials can be accessed or will use previously published information to support their work at home.
3. Bespoke activities for the day. Due to the nature of the strike action, to ensure that where no work is available as outlined in points 1 & 2 above, we have also set generic tasks for students to complete across the year group which may involve utilising on-line resources. It should be noted that there will be no formal submission of this work.

**For Students in Year 11.** All students will be expected to attend school as normal with registration taking place at 8:45am. A bespoke programme of revision and study support activities has been planned for Year11 students that will mean that their normal timetable will not be followed on this day. Full details and a schedule for the day will be provided during their Wednesday registration period.

**For Students in Year 12 & Year 13.** All students are expected to attend school and will be based in the study centre as usual. From here they will either:

- Attend their timetabled lessons where available; we will endeavour to publish a list for them on the morning of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.
- Complete self-directed revision and study in the study centre.
- Complete all outstanding class and homework.

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Additionally, all students in Year 13 will attend an exam/revision support session delivered by an external provider during the normal Period 2.

We understand that due to the blended approach of the work being set as outlined above, there will be more work available than students will be required to complete. Students should prioritise the work in order of those outlined above: (1) classwork set by the teacher of the lesson; (2) completion of ongoing work and use the activities in (3), bespoke activities for the day, to support lessons where there is no other work allocated. Students should follow the normal timings for the school day and only use the normal time allocated for their timetabled lesson to work on any given task.

Tutors will be explaining these details with students in school tomorrow, giving them the opportunity to ask any questions if they are unsure of anything.

Thank you for your support helping with arrangements in school.

Yours faithfully

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

**Lee Tristham**  
Headteacher