



Our Ref: LTM/kmd/strikeapr-may

Thursday, 20 April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Planned Industrial Action by the National Education Union (NEU)
Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023.**

Following my earlier communication, you will be aware that following previous strike action, members of the NEU have called further days of industrial action on Thursday, 27 April and Tuesday, 2 May 2023. This is national action and follows on from previous days which have impacted on all schools throughout the country.

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 these days.

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 follow their normal timetable. Where teachers are in school students will have their normal face to face sessions. If a teacher is not in school appropriate resources and revision materials will be provided to support students in the preparation for examinations in that subject area.

It should be noted that NEU guidance to all schools provides dispensation to minimise disruption in school for year 11 and 13 students who are preparing for final examinations.

Any examinations or formal assessments arranged for this day (eg. MFL speaking examinations) are not affected and will take place as planned.

- **All other Year Groups:** 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>

In some cases, identified groups of students will be requested to be in school to support scheduled activities or be involved with targeted intervention work. Where this is the case, students and families will receive separate communication.

- **Year 10 Parents Evening.** The Year 10 parents evening scheduled for Thursday, 27 April will be moved to Thursday, 4 May. All scheduled appointment times will be rolled forward to this date and remain as initially planned.

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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 to complete the information on the following link by Monday, 24 April 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 Wednesday, 26 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>

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 year 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



Lee Tristham
Headteacher