

Friday 27 January

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to our recent letter regarding the impending NEU strike action we have completed a risk assessment and, having carefully reviewed the risks and the options open to us, we are sorry to advise you that we have no choice but to partially close on Wednesday 1 February 2023.

As mentioned previously, our priority is to ensure the school can operate safely. We will not know until the day exactly how many teachers we have on site and we are also mindful that staff not taking strike action may have children at other schools who are affected by strike action, which may result in additional staff absence. The school will therefore remain open for Year 11, 12 and 13 students only on Wednesday 1 February. The usual school transport arrangements and lunchtime provision will be in place. However, school clubs will be cancelled.

Please see below the plan we have put in place for these year groups:

Year 11

Students will start the day with an information assembly and should line up outside the Riding Canteen entrance at the start of registration, in their form groups, as they would for any weekly House assembly. Following this, students will attend their GCSE lessons as normal throughout the day. If they have a lesson during the day where their teacher is absent, they will receive an appropriate core programme of study. This will include our leadership team delivering specialist maths, English and science lessons to ensure that, at this crucial time of year, we are preparing them effectively for their GCSE examinations.

Year 12 and 13

Students should attend their timetabled lessons as normal throughout the day. If they have a lesson during the day where their teacher is absent, they will be directed to independently study in either the Learning Resource Centre or one of our designated study spaces. During this time they can work on any coursework they have upcoming deadlines for or complete independent revision for their A Level examinations.

For all students in Years 7 to 10, we will share further details at the start of next week with information and links to online work that students are able to complete at home. Please note that students who would normally receive a free school meal will receive a top up of £3 to their free school meal voucher that will be provided for the half term break.

We are sorry for any disruption this may cause and, when further risk assessments have been completed for the NEU's planned strike action following 1 February 2023, we will write to you again.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



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