

Achieving Excellence

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28th February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware from my letter at the end of last term the National Education Union has declared strike action which will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday 28th February
- Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the NEU and the government about pay and conditions and about school funding for pay awards and its effect on retaining the best staff in the profession to teach our students.

We have again carefully worked through a thorough risk assessment and consulted the Department of Education Guidance so that we can be sure we have taken all reasonable steps to keep the school open to as many students as possible. I am therefore able to confirm our plans for **Tuesday 28th February** based on the most recent available information.

- School will be **open** as normal for all **Year 11 students**. School will be closed to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.
- As directed by the DfE, we have prioritised Year 11 students because they are due to take public examinations and complete ongoing **Non-Exam Assessments (NEAs)**.
- Year 11 will follow their normal timetable in school, completing crucial GCSE booster work and NEAs which are a mandatory part of various courses. If a teacher is absent, they will complete a Walking-Talking-Mock, where they are given focused exam guidance from an experienced member of staff.
- **Students in Years 7-10** will follow their usual timetable at home. Students will be invited to live lessons on Teams. Typically the teacher will outline the tasks and provide support for 15-20 minutes then expect students to work independently by accessing the resources that are available on Google Classrooms or Teams. Students can use the chat or email their teacher if they need any support.
- If a Teams invite is not received for a lesson, students should access the relevant lessons on Google Classroom.
- Students have been reminded of how to access live lessons. If students need any support with working remotely, please check the guidance on the [website](#) first. You can also contact admin@leftwichhigh.com
- For a variety of reasons, some students may not be able to access lessons remotely or at the times of their usual lessons. We have tried to provide some guidance and structure for the day to support students and their families. Please be reassured that we understand the complexities of remote working and that students may need to follow a different working pattern to the typical school day.
- For identified students who require additional support, we will contact those families directly regarding arrangements.
- The Kitchen will be open for hot and cold food for those students on site.
- For students who are in receipt of free school meals but not in school, a voucher has been provided.
- Explorers will not take place on Tuesday evening and primary students have been informed.

- After-school intervention sessions and enrichment will not take place on Tuesday evening.

We will continue work with all members of our school community as we navigate a national issue. We are committed to providing a safe and secure environment and to delivering high-quality lessons to support our students during this time.

The arrangements will be reviewed and evaluated ahead of any future strike action.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. P. Warburton'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr R Warburton
Headteacher