



Lady Lumley's School

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9th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I have delayed sending this letter in the hope that a resolution to the ongoing dispute between the Department for Education and the NEU would be found, this has yet to materialise. The third and fourth day of planned teacher strikes by the NEU is 15th and 16th March 2023. This is a continuation of the national protest regarding pay and conditions of teachers that I wrote to you about previously. Again, Lady Lumley's School must ensure the safeguarding of students and prioritise students facing examinations this academic year. The details I am sharing with you today may well change for any subsequent industrial action.

On Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023 only the following student groups will be able to attend school:

1. Vulnerable students (you will be contacted directly by the school). Year 7 and 8 go to IT1 and Year 9 and 10 to IT2. Invited Year 12 to the Common Room.
2. Y11 students – are expected in school, any absence other than illness will be unauthorised. Year 11 are to go directly to the Hall for an assembly. The PPE planned timetable will continue without interruption, preparing our students the best we can for the examination period.
3. Y13 students – are expected in school, any absence other than illness will be unauthorised. Year 13 are to go directly to the Common Room for an assembly.

As before, students in Y7-Y10 and 12, who are not vulnerable, will be able to access learning online via the following programme of study for that day:

There will be access to the virtual assembly that was shared previously, via a link shared on ClassCharts with Mr Davis and Mrs Elsworth. This assembly will explain how students can organise their day at home and how to access online learning safely.

Pupils in Year 10 have PPE to prepare for – they have revision to work on independently.

Students will then have access to a range of resources to support their remote learning during the strike day. The virtual assembly will direct students to complete online learning from most curriculum areas. The remote learning will be set on ClassCharts using a range of resources such as Oak Academy and MyMaths. There will be an overview for each year group so they can follow their normal school timetable for the day. The learning we can provide on a day where teachers are taking industrial action will not be online teaching tailored to classes. All students will need to work without staff support for this day.



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If your child does not have access to an IT device or internet access, please get in touch with the school by the end of this week and we will support you as best we can.

Our intention is to ensure as many classes for Year 13 run as normal, minimising the impact in preparations for the summer examination season for those that attend school. But we may have to apply some flexibility, dependent on matters that emerge on the day. So, I would call upon all students, that attend, to be understanding of the challenges of the day. Details for the day will be shared with them, when they arrive at school, via their planned assembly.

Please note, because of the uncertainty over who will be striking, and the effect to teachers with children in other schools may have in terms of childcare arrangements, we may have to change our plans entirely, either the day before or indeed even on the day itself.

In whichever case that presents itself, I will ensure we communicate any changes to you as quickly as possible.

I thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Clair Foden
Headteacher