



Tuesday 24th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Teachers' strike – Wednesday 1st February 2023

You will be aware that following properly conducted national ballots, one of the teachers' unions, the NEU, has voted in favour of discontinuous strike action. The first such strike will take place on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

I am writing to inform you that on Wednesday 1st February 2023, Barnwood Park School will be open for **Year 11 only** and **closed to all other students.**

My key consideration in closing the school is always based on the extent to which safe levels of supervision can be maintained throughout the school day. Given the amount of notified staff absence, I am only able to guarantee the safe supervision of one year group. Year 11 students remain our priority in terms of preparation for their GCSE exams.

Year 11 students will therefore have a normal school day, where possible, but will have a **later start at 9am.** **Year 11 students will be registered at 9.00am in the main hall.** Students will follow normal lessons, but will also be involved in exam specific practice.

Year 11 students should ensure they have some revision/private study work with them so that if they have a lesson where their regular teacher is absent, they can continue their studies. Maths and English work will also be available to support students in this instance. I am very keen that Year 11 students gain from this day and have continuity in their learning.

Work will be set on Satchel One for all students in Years 7 – 10.

Should you require a Free School Meal for your child, please follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/8fTbTJE5N3> A cold packed lunch will be available for collection between 11.45am and 12.30pm.

I have made this decision as soon as possible to give working parents the best chance possible for making alternative arrangements for childcare for students in Years 7 – 10 on Wednesday 1st February. It is unlikely that the national situation will change before that date, but were that to be the case, then I would contact you again.

Yours sincerely,

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