

23 February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Partial School Closure on 2 March 2023

We have been informed by the NEU union that they will be taking industrial action on Thursday 2 March, with further industrial action planned for Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March. This action is part of national industrial action organised by this trade union.

There is no requirement on unions to say which members of staff will take action. However, we anticipate a large number of teaching staff will take action. As a result, it will not be possible to run normal lessons on the day. Regulations relating to industrial action also make it difficult to cover lessons and so the position is more complex than simply dealing with a reduced number of adults on the school site.

As a result of our assessment of potential risks we have decided to **partially close** Park Community School to students for the school day on **Thursday, 2 March 2023**. For children who are not in school, learning materials are available on the school's shared area which can be accessed via student log-ons. Students can also access their work via Google Classroom.

We will provide a reduced programme for vulnerable Year 7-10 students, those whose parents are critical workers or free school meal children who wish to have their free meal. This may be based around independent study rather than lessons. If you have a child who you think fits the criteria and you would like to attend school on this day, **please register your interest by completing the e-form found at this link:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/u7pkkDUXev>

This is the ONLY way to enrol your child onto the reduced programme and you will need to complete one e-form per child.

All Year 11 students should come into school for the day. Students in Year 11 will have large group lessons and activities linked to GCSE exam preparation. They will not be following their normal timetable.

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If we are unable to accommodate your child we will inform you in advance as far as that will be possible. The school restaurant will offer a reduced service on the day for those in school, including a free school meal for those in receipt of free school meals. School uniform should be worn as normal.

If the number of staff taking action is greater on the day (we will not know this until the day of the strike action), the decision to further reduce provision or completely close may have to be taken at the last minute. Every effort will be made to give notice the day before but, in case the decision has to be made on the day itself that we cannot even provide private study, we are asking parents to **nominate a place of safety** which, for example may be your home, to which your child can go if we need to close. **Please make sure your child knows what they should do if this is the case and we are unable to keep him/her in school.**

We hope that the issues over which the industrial action has arisen are resolved as soon as possible. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience that this causes you and your family. The rest of the week is normal school.

Yours faithfully

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Christopher Anders
Headteacher

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Ella Capaldi
Head of School