



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form



Headteacher: Miss M Ryan

24 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: NEU Industrial Action 1st March

As you will be aware, the National Educational Union has declared four days of industrial action. The second of these days for the Eastern region is on Wednesday the 1st of March. This industrial action is due to a national dispute between the National Education Union and the Government; it is not any kind of protest against Notley High school & Braintree Sixth Form.

Having carried out a detailed risk assessment, it would seem that it will be impossible to open the school to all year groups safely due to the number of teaching staff who will not be present.

In deciding which students should attend school, we have again followed the Department for Education guidance that states we should 'prioritise vulnerable children and pupils due to take public examinations.' Consequently, our provision will be as follows:

Year 13	Normal School Day
Year 12	Normal School Day
Year 11	Normal School day – day one of Core mock week. Please see below
Year 10	Remote learning via TEAMS
Year 9	Remote learning via TEAMS
Year 8	Remote learning via TEAMS
Year 7	Remote learning via TEAMS

For year 11 students, they will be sitting their first day of Core exams in Maths and English. These were originally due to take place on Monday the 6th of March but, in order to minimise lost curriculum time, we have changed these to take place on the 1st of March. This is especially important for option subjects as we are losing a further Monday before the exams for the extra bank holiday due to the King's coronation.

The seating plan and structure of the exams and the day will remain the same as it was for the 6th of March. Those students who are in breakout rooms will be emailed individually with the new rooms for Wednesday the 1st at the beginning of the week.

All students in year 7 – 10 will be emailed a short video again to remind them how to access TEAMS, and a reminder will be issued in tutor time on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February.

The remote learning resources for each lesson for years 7-10 will be set via TEAMS, the same routine as last time.

The pastoral team will contact the parents/carers of a small number of students in years 7 –10 who will be asked to attend school because of their individual circumstances.

Students in years 7 –10 who are learning remotely and receive Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch. This should be collected from Reception between 12 – 1pm on 1st of March. Normal catering will be provided on site for years 11, 12 and 13, with the planned early lunch for year 11 at 12pm.

Once again, we will review these arrangements before the next planned days of strike action, and a letter will be sent home explaining how the school will operate on those days.

Yours sincerely

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