



30 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

National Strike Action in Schools, Wednesday 1 February 2023 – Partial Closure of Plymstock School

I am writing to you as a follow up to the information that was shared with you all on Friday 27 January 2023 regarding the strike action that will take place initially on **Wednesday 1 February 2023**.

The details below outline the response plan to mitigate the strike action declared by the National Education Union (NEU). In the event of a strike, the Department of Education requires the Headteacher to take all reasonable steps to keep schools open for as many students as possible, whilst ensuring staff and students are not exposed to risks to their health and safety.

A risk assessment has been conducted, and **the agreed plan is as follows:**

- **Plymstock School will remain open for all students in Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13.** Students will follow their normal timetable for the day (as far as possible).
- **Year 13's mock examinations will continue as planned.**
- **Year 11's will attend a revision session workshop by Elevate during period 4** (*this was already in the school calendar prior to strike action being announced*)
- **Year 7, 8, 9 and Year 10 will study remotely at home** via Satchel One. Further details are provided at the end this letter.
- **Certain vulnerable students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 are able to attend school with a bespoke timetable for the day.** We will be contacting parents/carers of these children.
- **For students in Year 7, 8, 9 or Year 10 who are eligible for free school meals,** an electronic voucher representing the cost of a school meal will be emailed to parent/carers on Tuesday 31st January.
- **For students on site on Wednesday 1 February:**
 - **All students should adhere to uniform and conduct expectations** – the behaviour policy still applies, and all aspects of the school continue as normal.
 - **All students in Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 must attend School** and absence will be followed up in the usual way. In the event of illness, please report your child's absence through the usual channels.
 - **Break and lunch times will operate as normal** with appropriate supervision in place.
 - **Arrangements for registration will be communicated in advance to those year groups in attendance on the day.**

- o **Catering will run as normal.**
- o **All extra-curricular clubs and detentions are cancelled on Wednesday 1 February.**

The NEU has indicated that they will continue strike action for a further three days after this first strike on: Thursday 2 March 2023, Wednesday 15 March 2023, and Thursday 16 March 2023. Please make a note of these dates now and I will write to you in advance of each date to confirm any changes to arrangements and whether the strike is going ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Mr A Yendell
HEADTEACHER



Remote Learning – Year 7, 8, 9 & 10

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In an effort to minimise the disruption to learning during the partial school closure, we are currently implementing a programme of lessons that students can access at home throughout the day of the strike. Lessons will be designed to continue your child's current curriculum and will be supported by high-quality instruction and resources. Due to the high number of staff potentially taking strike action, no live lessons will be delivered online.

The timings of the day will be the same as a normal school day, with students starting lessons from 09:05 and finishing at 15:10, with the usual breaks in between. Every student in Years 7 to 10 will follow the same timetable throughout the day, although the set work will be appropriate to the point curriculum they are currently working at.

Period 1	09:05 - 10:05	English
Period 2	10:05 – 11:05	Maths
Break 1	11:05 – 11:35	
Period 3	11:35 – 12:35	Science
Period 4	12:35 – 13:35	Humanities
Break 2	13:35 – 14:10	
Period 5	14:10 – 15:10	DEAR time (Reading) *Year 10 will be provided research on Careers/Work Experience

All work and resources will be set via Satchel One. The work will be available before Period 1 on Wednesday 1st February. Students should be able to access materials and complete all tasks for each subject, within the hour. The activities will be designed with consideration to the amount of time students take to complete independent study, compared to when they are in class and supported by staff. If students have not completed the work by the end of the lesson, they are expected to move on to the work set for the next period/subject.

If you have any concerns regarding the work set, or need to report a safeguarding concern to the school, please contact the following members of staff:

Mr K Chick – Home Learning lead – kchick@plymstockschool.org.uk

Mr J Ellerton – Designated Safeguarding lead – safeguarding@plymstockschool.org.uk

Ms H Martin – Deputy Headteacher (Behaviour & Culture) – hmartin@plymstockschool.org.uk

Pastoral Team

Year 7 – Mrs S Smith – ssmith@plymstockschool.org.uk

Year 8 – Mrs M Kirk – mkirk@plymstockschool.org.uk

Year 9 – Miss R McCullar – rmccullar@plymstockschool.org.uk

Year 10 – Mr S Farrant – sfarrant@plymstockschool.org.uk

If your child will have limited access to a computer or mobile device during the planned strike, please contact their Head of Year.

