



28 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

NEU National Strike Action in Schools, Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July 2023

Partial Closure of Plymstock School

I write to confirm the response plan to mitigate the strike action declared by the National Education Union (NEU), which will take place on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July. A reminder that the strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over Teachers' pay and conditions, and not because of any issues at our school.

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:**

	Wednesday 5 July	Friday 7 July 2023
We will remain open for all students in:	Year 12	Year 10 and Year 12
These groups will study remotely at home:	Year 7, 8, 9, 10	Year 7, 8, 9

- **Students in school will follow their normal timetable for the day (as far as possible).**
- **PE lessons will go ahead as planned for students in school and PE kit must be brought by students who have PE timetabled on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July 2023.**
- **Students remaining at home will study remotely via Satchel One.** Further details are provided at the end of this letter.
- **Certain individual vulnerable and SEND students in Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 on Wednesday 5 July and Years 7, 8 and 9 on Friday 7 July are able to attend school with a bespoke timetable for the day.** We will be contacting parents/carers of children who have been identified as vulnerable or with a SEND need to confirm whether your child will be or will not be attending school or if you are able to supervise their learning from home.
- **For students in Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 on Wednesday 5 July and students in Years 7, 8 and 9 on Friday 7 July 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 4 July 2023.

Standards and Expectations – Onsite

- **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 12 must attend school on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July. All students in Year 10 and Year 12 must attend school on Friday 7 July.** 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.**
- **Catering will run as normal.**
- **All extra-curricular clubs and detentions are cancelled on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July.**

Whilst unlikely, there remains a slight possibility that these arrangements may need to change at short notice. If the strike action is called off then we will confirm this as soon as we can, and in this eventuality the school will be fully open as usual to all students. Thank you in advance for your support in navigating these challenging times.

Kind regards



Mr A Yendell
HEADTEACHER



Remote Learning

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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 days 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.

We have requested that staff not involved in strike action set appropriate remote learning for the subjects they would usually be teaching that day. However, where work has not been set due to strike action, learning will be made available to students in the areas of English, Maths, Science, Humanities and Reading.

All work and resources will be set via **Satchel One**. The work will be available before Period 1 on Wednesday 5 July 2023 and Friday 7 July 2023. 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:

Mrs N Offer – Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education) – noffer@plymstockschool.org.uk

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 (Values & 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

Year 12 – Mrs R Littler – rlittler@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.

