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RE: Strike Action
- Thursday 27th April and
- Tuesday 2nd May

20 April 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well, that you had a fun and relaxing Easter period and that you are enjoying these lighter, summer evenings.

This letter is to inform you that, as a result of the ongoing dispute between the government and teacher unions, two more strike days have been announced and will take place next Thursday (27th April) and the following Tuesday (2nd May). This action is in support of improved teacher pay, funding for schools and the recruitment of teachers.

We have, to date, had a significant number of our teachers exercising their right to strike, and consequently on strike days we are unable to provide a normal teaching timetable therefore lessons cannot go ahead as usual. Additionally, we must ensure that we have adequate supervision for any pupils who are on site, as health and safety considerations are a priority.

Due to the predicted availability of staffing, we can only open school on these two days to one full year group. I am sure that you will understand that as we are so close to the GCSE/KS4 exam season, we are prioritising Y11.

YEAR 11

School will be open as usual on both days for Year 11 students. They are all required to attend school from 8:30 - 3pm. (Any absences will be followed up as normal.). We have a series of lessons and sessions prepared for them that they will find very beneficial as they work towards success in their GCSEs. Also, there are some actual GCSE assessments taking place (Language speaking exams) that pupils must not miss.

YEARS 7-10

These pupils should not attend the school building on Thursday 27th April or Tuesday 2nd May. Those teachers who are not taking industrial action will provide work on google classroom that pupils should complete at home. Pupils should log on to google classroom at various times during the school day to check the work that has been set for them. Where there is no work set for a particular subject, pupils could spend time reading their library books, reviewing work recently undertaken in class, or completing

independent online work from sites such as Seneca, Mathswatch (all years) and BBC bitesize.

EXCEPTIONS

A small number of identified pupils from all year groups will be offered a place to study in school during the two days of strike action. These pupils will be contacted individually. If you are contacted, then your child should attend school as normal. If you are not contacted individually then your child should remain at home.

All pupils in school must attend punctually and in full school uniform. Break and Lunch will operate as normal. Those identified pupils from other year groups will also have lunch from 12:30 - 1:20pm.

Meals

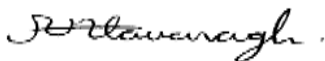
Those pupils who are eligible for free school meals should collect a packed lunch to take home for each strike day. This can be collected from the school canteen area at the end the day prior to the actual strike day. Some elements of this lunch may need to be placed in the fridge overnight.

It is unlikely that the industrial action will be called off, but if this were to happen, I will write to you to confirm that the school will be fully open.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please do contact studentservices@allhallowsrc.co.uk who will be able to assist.

We pray for a speedy and positive resolution which would avoid further impact on parents and pupils. Meanwhile, I thank you for your continued support of the school and your child's education.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs A Cavanagh
Headteacher