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RE: Strike Action
- Wednesday 5th July and
- Friday 7th July

30 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope that you and your families are all well and happy.

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 Wednesday (5th July) and next Friday (7th July). 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 limited availability of staffing, we can only open school on these two days to one full year group at a time.

Wednesday 5th July 2023

YEAR 8 AND YEAR 10

School will be open as usual for all Y8 pupils, and also the small number of Y10 pupils who are not out on a work experience placement. (All other Y10 pupils should attend their work experience placement.) Pupils are required to attend school from 8.30 – 3pm. (Any absences will be followed up as normal.) Y8 pupils will be following their normal timetabled lessons. The small group of Y10 pupils will be following the alternate timetable that has been put in place for them for the week.

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 9

These pupils should not attend the school building on Wednesday 5th July. 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.

Friday 7th July 2023

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 10

School will be open as usual for all Y7 pupils, and also the small number of Y10 pupils who are not out on a work experience placement. (All other Y10 pupils should attend their work experience placement.) Pupils are required to attend school from 8.30 – 3pm. (Any absences will be followed up as normal.) Y7 pupils will be following their normal timetabled lessons. The small group of Y10 pupils will be following the alternate timetable that has been put in place for them for the week.

YEAR 8 AND YEAR 9

These pupils should not attend the school building on Friday 7th July. 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.

Thursday 6th July 2023 – School is open as normal for ALL pupils.

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 are still praying 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.

Summary

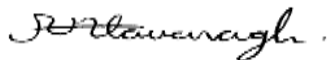
Y7 – At home doing independent work on Wednesday, attend school on Thursday and Friday.

Y8 – Attend school on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday at home doing independent study.

Y9 – At home doing independent study Wednesday and Friday. In school as normal on Thursday.

Y10 – Most Y10 pupils are on work experience all of next week, and should attend their placement for all five days. The small number who are not on placement should attend school every day next week.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A Cavanagh', followed by a small dot.

Mrs A Cavanagh
Headteacher