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Cottingham High School
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Dear Parents and Carers ,

You will be aware from media coverage that the NEU Union have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1 February (with further strikes planned for: Tuesday 28 February, Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March). The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for **Wednesday 1 February 2023.**

After undertaking a risk assessment (taking into account the potential numbers of teachers who may take action, the number of students who will need supervision in order to be safe, the need to accommodate our students who are near to national assessments as well as those who are our most vulnerable) we have made the following decisions:

School will be open for:

Year 11 and Year 13 students, our most vulnerable students including those with an EHCP and children of emergency service keyworkers (NHS, Police, Fire and Ambulance - please only send your child if they are of an age requiring childcare and if you have no other alternative provision). To assess potential numbers of students attending, there will be a survey sent out. Please complete as soon as possible if you meet the above criteria and require a place.

Provision for learning:

Year 11 students will attend their lessons as normal. In the event their teacher is not available then they will receive a revision session with a member of the Leadership team, covering Science, English or Maths.

Year 11 engineering or food students will be in these subjects all day in preparation for their exams.

Year 13 students will attend their normal lessons as per their timetable. If their teacher is not in school, they will go to the ILS.



All other students that have been invited into school will be supervised throughout the day with work provided.

For those students at home the following will apply:

Y7-Y9 will receive a booklet of activities based on 'Learning beyond the Classroom'. Please ask them to complete at least three tasks from the booklet, based on the lessons they would usually take part in on a Wednesday. The booklets can then continue to be used in the event of any further strike action taking place.

Y10 will be provided with work for English, Maths and Science. They are also asked to complete an hour of revision for their RE mock exam which takes place on Monday 6th February. Students have homework booklets at home which they can use to focus their revision.

Y12 are to conduct independent work.

Catering:

Provision will be made as usual for students who will be on site. If your child is in Years 7-10 or Year 12 and in receipt of Free School Meals, we will send you an electronic voucher to the value of £2.60 – this will be after the 1st February due to the short timescales we are working with.

Transport arrangements:

Transport will be running as usual, please confirm re sixth form consortium transport arrangements where appropriate

Impact on exams or school trips or parents evenings

Examinations will take place as planned.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and/or that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Cottingham High School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If there are any changes to plans for the other industrial action days, we will send further information out.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 01482 847498 or via email:
office@cottinghamhigh.net

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Loz Wilson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Loz Wilson
Headteacher