

21st February 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to provide further information for **Tuesday 28th February 2023**.

School will be closed next Tuesday due to strike action by the NEU. This means that pupils must stay at home. The school will be open to a small number of pupils and parents of these pupils will be contacted separately.

I have evaluated the educational provision during the strike day on 1st February 2023 and have decided to provide the same provision. We are unable to have a full year group in school as there are not enough non-NEU members to make that possible and the regulations around strike action prohibit me from doing so.

Therefore, on 28th February and all other announced strike days, pupils will move to remote learning. Year 11 mock examinations in DT and Biology, originally scheduled for Tuesday 28th February, have been postponed until Thursday 2nd March. No other mock examinations shall be affected. Non-striking teachers will provide live lessons to pupils. This will be similar to remote lessons given during the pandemic. Your child will receive a calendar invite to these lessons which will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. When there is no invite to one of your child's lessons this means the teacher is unavailable. In this case, pupils must complete work found on the school website and other school recommended websites. Links to these sites can be found below:

| Subject | Website |
|--------------|---|
| All subjects | https://www.forgevalley.school/home-learning |
| Spanish | https://www.duolingo.com/ |
| Spanish | https://id.blooket.com/login |
| English | https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zt3rkqt |
| Maths | https://hegartymaths.com/ |
| Science | https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ |

| | |
|-------------|---|
| History KS4 | https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ |
| History KS3 | https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39 |
| Geography | https://timeforgeography.co.uk/ |
| Geography | https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/ |

Access to Laptops

The school has a small number of laptops available for pupils to borrow who do not have a device at home. These pupils must collect a form from pupil reception on Friday 24th February. The form needs to be signed by parents and returned by pupils on Monday morning. Laptops will be issued to pupils at 2.45pm on Monday 27th February from room G20. Parents wishing to support their child with this collection must go to school reception at 2.45pm. Borrowed laptops must be returned to pupil reception on the morning of Wednesday 1st March. A receipt will be provided. Unfortunately, if a signed form is not received in school we will be unable to issue a laptop to pupils.

Access to Free School Meals

All pupils entitled to free school meals who are not in school on Tuesday 28th February can collect a grab bag meal from pupil reception at 8.30am on Tuesday morning.

Future Strike days

The NEU has also announced they will be taking further industrial action on the following days. It is expected that the school will also be closed on these days:

- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

Arrangements for the above dates are very likely to be the same as previous strike days. However, I will write again to parents to confirm arrangements.

I fully appreciate the disruption that this causes and I thank you very much for your support in advance.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Barrowclough
Headteacher