

8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to provide further information for **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.

School will be closed next Wednesday and Thursday 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 previous strike days in February 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. We will however, be inviting a small number of Y11 pupils to attend school with the focus being on core learning in English, Maths, and Science as appropriate for them to reach Grade 5 and above across all three subjects.

Therefore, on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March, pupils will move to remote learning. 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	<a href="https://www.forgevalley.school/home-learning">https://www.forgevalley.school/home-learning</a>
Spanish	<a href="https://www.duolingo.com/">https://www.duolingo.com/</a>
Spanish	<a href="https://id.blooket.com/login">https://id.blooket.com/login</a>
English	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zt3rkqt">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zt3rkqt</a>
Maths	<a href="https://hegartymaths.com/">https://hegartymaths.com/</a>
Science	<a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</a>

History KS4	<a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</a>
History KS3	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39</a>
Geography	<a href="https://timeforgeography.co.uk/">https://timeforgeography.co.uk/</a>
Geography	<a href="https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/">https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/</a>

### **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 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. The form needs to be signed by parents and returned by pupils on the morning of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Laptops will be issued to pupils at 2.45pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March can collect a grab bag meal from pupil reception at 8.30am on Wednesday and Thursday morning.

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