



Holly Lodge High School

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Dear parents/carers,

31st January 2023

Strike Action

You may be aware from media coverage that the teaching union NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates: -

Wednesday 1st February 2023

Wednesday 1st March 2023

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Thursday 16th March 2023

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 the first strike day on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

The school will be open on this day for all students in Years 11, 12 and 13. There will also be provision in school for students who are classed as vulnerable and children of critical care workers.

All other students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be expected to complete work set for them on Class charts, at home. They will receive details of this prior to 1st February 2023.

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 will be expected to attend as normal and will be informed of the structure of their day closer to the date.

Vulnerable students will receive a letter inviting them to attend and giving details of their day.

If you are a critical worker as outlined and would like your child to attend on the 1st February, please follow the link below and complete the form.



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<https://forms.office.com/e/dBYZYE4XuC>

You will no longer need to come on site to collect a grab bag as we will now be providing Free School Meal vouchers for eligible students who will not be attending school tomorrow. The voucher will be emailed to parents on the day.

I'm sorry that you may 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. Holly Lodge High

School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

If you would like further information or to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Southall – dsouthall@holly-lodge.org

Yours Sincerely

Mr I Iqbal
Headteacher



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Critical Workers

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during an emergency response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- an emergency response
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits including in government agencies and Arm's length bodies (ALB).

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians



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- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to an emergency response)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during an emergency response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity, and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during an emergency response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors