



FOR PARENTS/CARERS of Y7 and 8 students at Northampton School *for Boys*

Advice for Y7 and 8 students on remote learning arrangements for 15th March 2023

Following Mr Bernard's letter to all parents/carers regarding the impact of strike action by members of the National Education Union, I wanted to provide further details about the arrangements for remote learning on Wednesday 15th March.

What to expect if your child is in Y7 or 8:

All students will receive the equivalent of their normal timetable of 7 x 45min lessons across the day with a scheduled break at 10:30-10:50 (Y8) or 11:15-11:35 (Y7) and lunch between 13:05 and 14:05 – mirroring the school day at NSB. It is essential that students follow their normal timetable on Wednesday and check Microsoft Teams for live lessons in the first instance. There will not be a PD registration lesson in the morning – students should be ready to start their first lesson at 9am.

All students can access Teams via the link on the VLE ([NSB Moodle \(mynsb.co.uk\)](https://mynsb.co.uk)) or by downloading the Teams app onto a phone or tablet device and logging in with their NSB username and password. Once they are logged in, students can expect to see pop-up invites to join each live lesson during the day – these will appear at the start of each timetabled lesson. All students know to ensure they can access Teams before Wednesday and log-in to their account.

Students have been directed to wait 5 minutes on Teams at the start of each lesson. If they have not received an invite to join their live lesson during that time, this may be due to several reasons:

- a) The teacher may be on strike.
- b) The teacher may be absent for other reasons.

In the absence of a live lesson, students have been directed to access alternative work on the VLE via a dedicated remote learning page: [Course: Remote Learning - Weds 15th March \(mynsb.co.uk\)](https://mynsb.co.uk). Students can navigate to their timetabled subject and complete the tasks and resources that link directly to the curriculum and the current schemes of work. Some of these resources have been created by subject teachers whilst others have been taken from Oak National Academy, BBC Bitesize or similar resources to support structured study.

For context, the format and nature of alternative work in the absence of a live lesson will vary as teachers who are on strike will not prepare or set work for students on a strike day and non-striking teachers cannot be directed or compelled to set work or to cover in a striking teacher's absence. Additionally, the school will not be fully aware of which teachers are striking until Wednesday morning.

All students in Y7 and 8 have already received their assembly to outline the expectations of remote learning on Wednesday and how to access their full curriculum during the day. If a student still feels

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unfamiliar with how to access remote learning on the day, they can watch the recording of my assembly here: [Course: Remote Learning Assembly \(mynsb.co.uk\)](https://mynsb.co.uk).

A reminder that the school will be open to students in Y7 and 8 who are vulnerable or who are the children of critical workers. National definitions of these two categories can be found via [this link](#) on pages 21-23. Please contact Deputy Headteacher, Mr Kneeshaw at the school if your son is in Year 7 or 8 and you feel that they fall into either of these categories - mkneeshaw@nsb.northants.sch.uk. Parents/carers should also contact Mr Kneeshaw if your son has not got access to a suitable electronic device to be able to participate in remote learning at home.

Where to find further support on using Teams:

All students have received additional training during their assembly and can access further support via the VLE. There is a 5-minute video that offers a range of information, including how to use Teams to access live lessons and engage in remote learning. Students must ensure they are familiar with using Teams and our expectations of online conduct. For any student who requires a short tutorial to explore the main features of Teams, the link can be found here: [Course: Remote Learning Assembly \(mynsb.co.uk\)](https://mynsb.co.uk).

Please contact me (mrodger@nsb.northants.sch.uk) if you have any questions in regard to the remote learning arrangements taking place on Wednesday.

In the event of any technical issues on the day please contact the school reception and you will be put through directly to the IT Technician team.

Yours sincerely

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