



Dear Parent/Carer

Strike action by members of the National Education Union - Wednesday, February 1st - Impact on NSB

We are writing as a follow up to the letter dated January 25th about forthcoming national strike action by the National Education Union (NEU), one of the main teaching trade unions. The purpose of this letter is to explain the likely impact for NSB of the first planned strike on Wednesday, February 1st. As a reminder, the planned strike days are:

Wednesday, February 1st

Wednesday, March 1st

Wednesday, March 15th

Thursday, March 16th

Teachers involved in the strike action will not teach their classes or undertake any other duties on a strike day. Therefore, one of the key issues for the school is whether there are likely to be sufficient staff available for the school to safely remain open, or partially open, during next Wednesday's strike. We have aimed to keep NSB open to as many students as possible, but due to the anticipated number of teachers striking it will not be possible to keep the school open to all year groups.

The school will try to ensure moving forward, that the same year groups are not asked to stay at home for two consecutive strike days.

The Governing Body have today ratified my decision that the school, on Wednesday, February 1st, will be:

- Open to students in Years 7,9,11,12,13 and closed to students in Years 8 and 10

The school will also be open to students in Years 8 and 10 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 8 or 10 and you feel that he falls into either of these categories - mkneeshaw@nsb.northants.sch.uk

On the strike day, remote learning will be set for Year 8/10 students through the school's VLE and Microsoft Teams, however, please note that teachers who are on strike will not prepare or set work for students on strike days. Assistant Headteacher, Mr Rodger will write to all parents / carers of students in Years 8/10 before next Wednesday to explain how the remote learning provision will work for these two year groups. There may also be amendments to the curriculum for the students in school on Wednesday depending on the finalised numbers of teachers striking - schools will not be fully aware of how many teachers are striking until the morning of the strike day itself.

Parents and carers should be aware that the planning leading up to a strike can be subject to fast changing dynamics and we will alert parents/carers early next week, if we need to increase the number of year groups/groups of students undertaking remote learning on Wednesday.

Clearly this is a difficult situation nationally, however, we would ask you to be understanding as a national strike by teachers is highly unusual and something that any teacher would not undertake lightly.

Yours sincerely

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