

28 June 2023

Dear parent/ carer

NEU Industrial Action - Partial School Closure

As you are aware from our email last week, the NEU has declared further strike action, which will take place on **Wednesday 5 July** and **Friday 7 July 2023.** The strike is happening because of a national dispute between unions and the government, not because of any issues in our school.

We have communicated in advance that we may need to close year groups and asked you to organise childcare. We can now confirm that The Hamble School will be open to students in **Year 7 only** on **Friday 5 July** and **Friday 7 July 2023.**

We are sorry to inform you that we will be closed to Year 8 and 9 on both days. Arrangements for Year 10 are outlined below. We have not taken this decision to close to some students lightly, however, we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for children. It is therefore important that staff to student ratios are maintained.

Wednesday 5 July 2023

Students in Year 7 must attend school as normal on Wednesday 5 July. They will have normal lessons for most of the day. If your child is in Year 10 and was due to attend Barton Peveril on this day, the college visit will still take place as previously communicated. The Year 10 trip to Itchen College has been postponed.

Remote learning will be available if your child is in Year 8 and 9, or in Year 10 and not attending Barton Peveril. The following subjects: English, Maths, Science, Geography, PE and Technology. Students will be able to access this via Class Charts. Your child needs to log into Class Charts and go to the 'homework/ blended learning' section; the work will be labelled as SCHOOL CLOSURE WORK. We would advise all Key Stage 3 (Years 8 and 9) students to complete the core work (English, Maths and Science) and then pick two subjects from Geography, PE or Technology. Year 10 should complete core and the work set for Geography, PE or Technology depending on their preferences. If they do not take any of these subjects they can complete revision using GCSEPod or BBC Bitesize. Your son/daughter can then send their work to their teacher via Class Charts, however, please note we will not be asking staff to formally mark this. If your child has any problems accessing Class Charts, please email classcharts@thehambleschool.co.uk

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Students with EHCPs in Year 8-10 can book a place in The Habour to access the online work; this will need to be booked in advance using the following link: https://forms.office.com/e/WfuAuwF0L9 by 4pm on Friday 30 June.

We also have a small number of places available onsite for key vulnerable students in Year 8-10 to complete online work. If you would like your son/ daughter to be considered for this provision, please complete the form using the following link

https://forms.office.com/e/kfnRTTFetN by 4pm on Friday 30 June. We will then assess the needs of each child who applies and write to you to confirm if your child has a place in this provision by 9pm on Monday 3 July. Please do not send your child into school unless you have received this confirmation.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and is in Year 8-10 you can order a packed lunch by using the following link https://forms.office.com/e/JJZ2Z1kAmX this must be completed by 4pm on Friday 30 June. These lunches can then be collected from the main reception at 2:55pm on Tuesday 4 July.

Please note that Thursday 6 July is not a strike day and the school will be fully open as usual. All students must attend school. Year 10 students signed up to attend Itchen College will go on this day.

Friday 7 July 2023

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Year 10 Information

As above, if your child was due to attend the Barton Peveril trip on Wednesday 5 July, this will still take place as previously communicated. Students due to attend Itchen College will now go on Thursday 6 July 2023.

The final week of the exam timetable has been updated to reflect this (see attached) and the Language exams have been moved to the week after.

Any students due to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award on Friday 7 July 2023 will still need to attend as planned. Students will need to be in school at 08:30am.

If the strike action is cancelled, we will of course open to all students as normal. This will be communicated as early as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email headteacher@thehambleschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.