

20 April 2023

Dear parent/ carer

NEU Industrial Action – Partial School Closure

As you are aware from our letter during Easter, the NEU has declared further strike action, which will take place on **Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 02 May 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 11 and 9 on Thursday 27 April and Year 11 and 8 on Tuesday 02 May 2023**.

We are sorry to inform you that we will be closed to Year 7, 8 and 10 on Thursday 27 April and Years 7, 9 and 10 on Tuesday 02 May. 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.

Thursday 27 April

Students in Year 11 and 9 must attend school as normal on Thursday 27 April. They will have normal lessons for most of the day.

If your child is in Year 7, 8 and 10 remote learning will be available for your child in 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 7 and 8) 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 7, 8 and 10 can book a place in The Harbour 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 Monday 24 April.

We also have a small number of places available onsite for key vulnerable students in Year 7, 8 and 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/heSs1DQbgR> by 4pm on Monday 24 April. 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 24 April. 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 7, 8 and 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 Monday 24 April. These lunches can then be collected from the main reception at 2:55pm on Wednesday 26 April.

Please note that Friday 28 April is not a strike day and the school will be fully open as usual. All students must attend school.

Tuesday 02 May 2023

Students in Year 11 and 8 must attend school as normal on Tuesday 02 May. They will have normal lessons for most of the day.

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completed by 4pm on Monday 24 April. Packed lunches can then be collected from the main reception at 2:55pm on Friday 28 April – This is due to the Bank Holiday.

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



Miss L Cambridge

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.