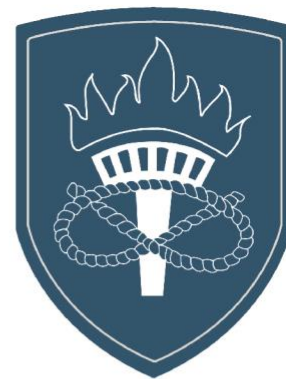


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Strike Action – Wednesday 1st March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

You will be aware that the NEU have announced national and local strike action in an on-going dispute with the government about Teachers Pay & Conditions. The next day of action is planned for Wednesday 1st March 2023.

It was hoped that negotiations at the weekend between the union and the government would have meant that the strike may not go ahead, hence sharing the information today.

You will understand that under the constraints placed on schools during strike action, limited staff resources will be available. **In the light of this, the school will be closed to pupils in the following year groups on Wednesday 1st March 2023: Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 & 13. The school will be open to all Year 11 pupils. Pupils with an EHCP and vulnerable children will also be invited into school.**

It is important to note that Teachers are not compelled to inform their employer if they intend to strike. Therefore, some pupils with an EHCP and vulnerable pupils who attend school on 1st March 2023 may not have their teaching staff available. These pupils will follow their curriculum using the same online resources as their peers. If a child's teacher is in school, they will attend their usual lesson.

Year 11 have two exams on Wednesday, English Literature and Paper 1 Biology or Science 1 Paper. They will follow their usual timetable around their exams.

It is essential that all year 11 pupils attend as the mock examination results will inform the focus for the forthcoming work with pupils in the lead up to the external exams.

What will happen if my child is in Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 or 13?

Pupils in these years will access learning via the school website. Live lessons via TEAMS cannot be delivered as we cannot guarantee which staff will be available to deliver online. Therefore, pupils will access curriculum content via the main page of the school website: www.barrbeaconschool.co.uk. Folders for each year group will be accessible with instructions about what to study during the day including how to access web-based resources and learning platforms.

Pupils will not be expected to follow their timetabled lessons. Instead they should use the materials to consolidate current and previous learning.

What if my child is entitled to Free School Meals?

If you would like your child to collect a packed lunch for consumption on the 1st March 2023, we can arrange for collection on Tuesday 28th February 2023 from the Bistro before your child departs from



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school. If you would like to order a packed lunch for your child to take home, please complete the following Form:- <https://forms.office.com/e/j5MU8cDBfB>

My child catches the bus to and from school. Will the buses be running?

The school bus services will continue to run. We have contacted the bus company and requested a reduced service but the 788, 881 and 705 will all be running on this date.

If you have any questions, please contact postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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