

Ref:SF/KH/National Express Bus Strikes



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Dear Parent/Carer

National Express Bus Strike- 20th March 2023

As you may be aware, National Express are currently locked in a pay dispute with their drivers. This has led to an extremely limited bus service being offered from Monday 20th March 2023. National Express contacted us on Sunday 19th March 2023 to inform us that they are unable to provide any school bus services from Monday 20th March 2023 **indefinitely**.

Additionally, they will only be operating an extremely limited bus service on the general network, initially on the 59, 529 & 51 services in the Walsall/Wolverhampton areas only.

The National Express Scheduling Team have told us that they will continually monitor the number of drivers who cross the picket lines in the coming days, as nearly 30% did vote for the pay deal they were offered. They hope to increase the number of services that are in operation in the coming days. For information about services currently in operation you can visit <https://nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/service-updates>.

We will bring you further information regarding the Barr Beacon School services as we receive it. In the meantime, please seek alternative arrangements for your child's journey to school. Our staff will be streaming their lessons live to pupils who are unable to get into school until the services are re-instated by National Express Buses. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

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