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Strike Action – Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July 2023

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Dear Parent / Carer,

You will be aware that the NEU have announced the next national and local strike action in an on-going dispute with the government about Teachers Pay & Conditions. The next days of action are **Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July 2023**

You will understand that under the constraints placed on schools during strike action, limited staff resources will be available.

<u>Wednesday 5th July</u>	School Closed to Years 7,8,9 & 12 + Pupils in High School Musical required to attend – details below	Year 10 pupils are only expected to attend for their MFL speaking exam if it falls on Wednesday*. A separate letter will be handed to pupils to provide details of the time that they are expected in school.
<u>Friday 7th July 2023</u>	School Closed to Years 7, 8 & 9	School Open to Year 12. Year 10 pupils are only expected to attend for their MFL speaking exam if it falls on Friday*

*** YEAR 10 ONLY - Modern Foreign Language Speaking Exams (French/German) Wednesday or Friday.**

If your child studies French or German, they may have a speaking exam scheduled on Wednesday or Friday – these will still take place. Pupils will shortly receive a personalised letter with their specific time for arrival and departure for their speaking exam which they will need to stick to. Pupils should be in full school uniform for this speaking exam.

We know that some pupils live at a distance and have to catch two buses. If your child is not able to make the journey for the short time of the speaking exam, they can attend school for the usual times of the day. If you want your child to attend for the whole day as they live at a distance, please email postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk. If your child attends for the whole day, they will follow their usual timetable (if their teacher is in school) for the timetabled lesson. Pupils are expected to attend for their speaking exam and will be marked as absent if they do not attend.

For the day(s) that your child is not required in school, they should follow the curriculum plan which will be available on the school website on 5th & 7th July.

Year 10 Prefects - Wednesday 5th July

Some Year 10 pupils are Prefects. **Prefects are required in school on Wednesday 5th July 2023** to support the Year 6 into 7 Transition Day. Pupils will receive a letter to inform them of the details.

Diana Award Year 10 – Wednesday 5th July

Pupils in Year 10 who are completing the Diana Award are expected to attend school on Wednesday 5th July 2023. They will receive a letter with details of their attendance.

Year 12 Progress Mentors Wednesday 5th July

The students who have been successful in their application to become Progress Mentors will complete their training on Wednesday 5th July. Students will receive a letter with the details of their required attendance.

High School Musical

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Pupils will be rehearsing and completing a dress rehearsal of an extract of the show to the incoming Year 7s on Wednesday 5th July. A separate letter will be issued to pupils.

Pupils with an EHCP and vulnerable children will be invited into school on both days.

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 5th & 7th July 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.

What will happen if a year group is not expected in school?

Pupils who are not expected in school 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 Wednesday 5th or Friday 7th July, we can arrange for collection on the day before each strike day from the Bistro before your child departs from school. If you would like to order a packed lunch for your child to take home, please contact postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

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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