



Wadham School

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"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Sunday 12th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Partial School Closure on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

As highlighted in last week's update letter, the third and fourth days of industrial action by the NEU take place this week, on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

Our plans for both days remain largely the same as before, however the following changes have been made:

- Sixth form lessons will be taught as normal – students should attend.
- Live lessons over MS Teams will be delivered to students working from home, where staff are present in school.
- No live lessons will be delivered where staff are absent on the day(s).

A reminder of who should attend on-site learning:

- **Year 11 students**
- **Sixth Form students**
- Vulnerable students (parental choice, as per guidelines in my previous letter)
- Children of Critical Workers (parental choice, as per guidelines in my previous letter)

If you feel that your child is eligible to attend because they belong to one of the 2 key groups (Vulnerable or Children of Critical Workers) please complete this survey [here](#) to let me know whether they will be attending. Deadline for completion is 9.00am Tuesday 14th March.

All other students (Years 7-10) should remain at home on this day.

Arrangements for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

All school transport is running as normal for students that would usually use it.

Year 11

- Normal lessons (their existing timetable) will continue as planned.
- Students must wear school uniform and bring PE kit if required.
- The Food Hall remains open as usual at break and lunch.
- *Thursday Lesson 1* - Students will have 4x Careers Talks from Guest Speakers.

Sixth Form

- Normal lessons (their existing timetable) will continue as planned.
- The Food Hall remains open as usual at break and lunch.

Vulnerable Students and Children of Critical Workers

- Parents intending to send their child in must complete the survey, **linked above.**
- Lessons are the same as those set for Years 7-10, not able to attend on the day.
- Students will be supported to complete the live lessons running.
- The Food Hall remains open as usual at break and lunch.



Students in Years 7-10

- Students in Years 7-10 will be working from home for both days.
- Students will follow their existing timetable.
- Students will be taught live lessons over MS Teams from their usual teacher, unless their teacher is absent.
- Additional work (self-study) can be completed if required by using this link to access the material previously issued – the document contains a range of lessons for the subjects listed: [Partial Closure – additional work for students](#)

Q: What should I do if my child cannot access MS TEAMS?

If hard copies of work are needed, please email your child's Head of Year to request written work to be supplied – this will be given to your child to take home on Tuesday.

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Full consideration has been given to the level of staff absence we are likely to experience, and pending any further unforeseen circumstances, we will have adequate staff onsite and in-post during the day to ensure the safety and well-being of those attending.

If for any reason this should change on the day, then I and the senior team will conduct a risk assessment and may need to make changes to the planned onsite curriculum to ensure we are still able to maintain a quality of education, without compromising on safety.

It is important to explain again that industrial action is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions of employment, and not because of any issues specifically relating to our school, and the staff at Wadham School remain grateful to you – our parents and carers, as we work together to minimise the impact of disruption caused.

Do not hesitate in contacting me should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Burgas
Headteacher