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Dear Parents/Carers

Industrial action 15 and 16 March 2023

I am writing to inform you of our plans for the next two strike days, **Wednesday 15th** and **Thursday 16th March 2023**. You are likely to be aware from my previous letters and media coverage that a major teaching trade union, the NEU, has been taking industrial action on a number of dates in the form of a strike. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues at our school.

I have continued to work closely with our union representative and senior colleagues at the school to best forecast how we can safely manage the disruption anticipated. Following a risk assessment process, we will remain partially open on the two forthcoming days of the strike. The plan is as follows:

Date	Students to attend	Students to work remotely at home
Wed 15 th March	Years 7, 11, Post 16 and all students in the Access Centre	Years 8, 9, 10
Thurs 16 th March	Year 11, Post 16 and all students in the Access Centre	Years 7, 8, 9, 10

Post 16: There will be further information from Miss Hilleard, Head of Post 16 regarding Wednesday afternoon's enrichment programme but lessons will begin at 9:00am and the link bus will run as usual. Those staff who will be in school on the day will continue to teach classes in Year 12 and 13 face-to-face. There will be clear picture of the lessons available across Cotswold Edge in the morning which will be communicated to 6th Form students. If lessons are unable to run, notices will be placed on classroom doors, and students are welcome to study independently on school site in the Sixth Form Study Area.

Wednesday 15th: Year 7 and 11 students should line up in their Literacy Legends tutor groups by 8.45am. Year 7 will then have an assembly where there will be a briefing regarding the format of the day. During period 3, Year 11 will have a choice of their usual PE lesson, therefore they will need to bring in their kit, or private revision in preparation for their Physics exam in the afternoon. All students in these cohorts are expected to attend. Please use the absence line, as usual, should your child be unwell. There will be a blend of lessons if a teacher is present or supervision in meaningful learning activities. Access Centre students should attend and follow their daily routines.

Thursday 16th: Year 11 should line up in their Literacy Legends tutor groups by 8.45am and then they will have their pre-exam briefing. When the morning exam has finished, students



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will either be in their usual lesson or be supervised with their revision. Access Centre students should attend and follow their daily routines.

Please note for these two days only, Year 11 will be allowed to leave the site after the end of their afternoon exam. On every other mock exam day, students must return to the lesson on their timetable. There will be no Study Support on these two days but any Year 11 student is welcome to stay until 5.00pm in the Library for supervised private study.

I know this will be disappointing for many of our parents/carers and students but we must consider the safety of our school community with significantly less supervision available. A large number of teaching staff at Chipping Sodbury School are NEU members, so yet again, we anticipate a significant proportion of our teachers will not be at work on these days.

In terms of remote learning, all other students should largely follow their timetables accessing online resources via:

Oak Learning (fully taught lessons of most curriculum areas. Students can watch lessons connected the topics they are studying or need to revise.)

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage>

The Athelstan Trust Teaching and Learning Resources (some excellent revision videos here for Year 10 and 11 on English Language Paper 1 and 2 , as well as GCSE maths revision and KS3 English work

[Teaching & Learning Resources – The Athelstan Trust](#)

Maths work and revision is available at: <https://sparxmaths.com>.

Free school meals: Those in receipt of free school meals in Years 8, 9, and 10 will be able to collect a packed lunch from the canteen on Tuesday 14th March at the end of lunchtime in preparation for the next two days. Year 7 students will be able to collect their packed meal on Wednesday ready for Thursday. We do encourage everyone who is entitled to do so, to collect their food. For students who will be on-site, the canteen will be open as usual at lunchtime which will be 12.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday.

Given the disruption to education of the last 3 years, I am regretful that we cannot open the school to more year groups. I wish to thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Katherine Turner
Headteacher