



Moorside High School

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28th June 2023

Ref: National Education Union (NEU) industrial action. – Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July 2023.

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, there are a further two days of national planned industrial action by teachers in the National Education Union (NEU), on Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July 2023. It is looking highly likely that this strike will go ahead and will affect the provision at Moorside High School.

On the previous 2 days of industrial action, the NEU put specific arrangements in place to allow their members to teach Year 11 classes as they were so close to their GCSE examinations. As a result of this, we were able to open the school to Year 11 students and they were all able to continue with lessons as normal. In the forthcoming two days of industrial action, there are no such arrangements in place. As staff are not obliged to tell headteachers which trade union they belong to, or whether they intend to strike we cannot put an alternative timetable in place. Additionally, we cannot ask non-striking teachers to cover lessons for their striking colleagues or ask striking teachers to set lessons. Given this, and after carefully looking at the safety implications relating to a potentially large number of teachers being absent from school and the impact on timetabled lessons, unfortunately, much like the previous strike, we will be unable to open for all students, therefore, they will need to stay at home on these two days.

We have not taken this decision lightly, but our priority must be to open the site in a safe and secure manner.

Mr Farmer has been in touch with the sixth form colleges and luckily, on Wednesday the 5th July 2023, the Year 10 college trip will be able to go ahead and we have been able to staff this with non-teaching support staff.

Year 10 should arrive at school in full uniform at 08:30 where the coaches will be waiting to take them on the visit. Year 10 students will return to school at 15:00. Unfortunately, the college trip that was due to take place on Friday 7th July 2023 has had to be cancelled due to the college staff striking.

On Wednesday, for Years 7, 8 & 9, work will be set on Teams if their teacher is not striking, on Friday work will be set for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10. We do appreciate that if their teachers are on strike, potentially, there will not be any work set on Microsoft Teams. To ensure all students have work that they can complete, we will be sharing a well-being pack on Teams, with a variety of activities for students to complete at home. These tasks can be completed if their current teacher is on strike, and they have no work set. As there are some fun tasks involved as well, all students may want to have a go at them. If students do complete the tasks, we would love them to share with us, what they have got up to at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com.

Heads of Year will also be delivering an assembly online at 13:00. For any children eligible for free school meals, the kitchen will be making grab bags to take home at the end of Tuesday 4th July and Thursday 6th July 2023.

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Just to reiterate:

- Year 7, 8, 9 are not to attend on these two days as we will not have enough staff available to ensure we can educate students in lessons and supervise them at break and lunchtime.
- On Wednesday 5th July 2023, Year 10 are to be in school at 08:30 in order to attend the college visit. They will return to school at 15:00
- On Friday 7th July 2023 Year 10 are not to attend school as we will not have enough staff available to ensure we can educate students in lessons and supervise them at break and lunchtime.
- The following identified students will be invited into school. Students with Education, Health Care Plans (EHCPs) and /or children who are supported by Social Services. Parents/Carers of students who come under these focus groups will be contacted.
- All students are expected to be in school on Thursday 6th July 2023.

Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated during this period of industrial action. We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com if you have any further questions.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully

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