

DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy 

22nd February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to the strike action on Wednesday 1st February, the National Educational Union are taking further action on Tuesday 28th February, and possibly Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

We have therefore decided that on 28th February we will be open for **Year 9, 10 and 11, Endeavour and vulnerable students** only and students are asked to come in **at the normal school time**. If you have a vulnerable child in year 7 we will contact you separately to ask if you need them to attend, and the invite still stands for those in 8 who were contacted last time.

Members of the union taking action cannot be compelled to say whether they are striking until the actual day of action. As per our previous letter, we will endeavour to open to the three year groups, however there are circumstances where this may not be possible for a number of reasons. Some of those are:

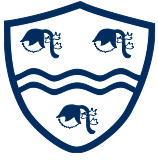
- Members of the National Education Union do not need to tell the school if they are striking or not.
- There could potentially be a picket line at the front of school that staff may choose not to cross.
- Staff can change union on the day of the strike to enable them to partake in the industrial action.
- Staff do not need to notify the academy of which union they are in or if they will be striking.

We will only know for definite when staff arrive for work at 8:30am on Tuesday morning if we can open as planned. Should your child arrive at the academy on Tuesday morning for an 8:45 start and we are in a position where we will be **unable to open for the three year groups we will notify all parents affected by text by 9:15am**. As a result, it is imperative we have the correct contact number for you. (We should have a minimum of two on our system to use as contacts). We then intend to let the students make their own way home, should you require us to keep your child for a period of time whilst you arrange a pick up you will need to notify school via email contact@darwenvale.com. This needs to contain the students full name and year group. All students will be required to leave the site by 9:45am. Should we have no contact we will assume your child can make their own way home and you have alternative arrangements in place for childcare. The Academy will be unable to keep your children for the full day so you will need to have arrangements in place, should the worst happen, and we are unable to open.

We remain exceptionally optimistic and fully expect to be open to the three year groups, but it would be remiss of us as an educational provider not to warn you of the potential risk of closure due to the unforeseen reasons, which may occur, listed above. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Students from Year 7 and 8 will be provided work on our website which will be clearly signposted, and is also attached to this email. If your child has a free school meal, they will be entitled to a 'grab bag' which can be collected from our Reception. You must inform us if your child intends to collect a grab bag by email contact@darwenvale.com by 12:00noon, Monday 27th February. The email must state the child's name, Year Group and Form Group.

For any future days of industrial action, we will look to rotate year groups to attend school on those days if we are not able to fully open.



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For students attending on 28th February there may be an extended tutor time or collapsed classes to allow the school to arrange adequate cover for the rest of the day.

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11, attendance at school is mandatory. As a reward we will be offering the chance for you and your child to be entered into a prize draw. To be entered into the draw you child only needs to attend for the full day. The prize will be a £50 Amazon voucher for the student and a £50 supermarket voucher for the parent/carer. There will also be a prize draw for those students in year 7 and 8 engaging and completing work set at home.

There will be prizes available for each year group. The winners of the last draw are:

Year 7: Sophia Birtwistle

Year 8: Hannah Welsh

Year 9: Brooke Szatkowski

Year 10: Max Chelton

Year 11: Ellis Greaves

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Little
Principal

Work for year 7 and 8 Tuesday 28th February

Students are to complete the work attached and then either email their class teach or hand in any physical work to their teacher the next day.

Year 7

English: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/a-midsummer-nights-dream-shakespeare-introduction-and-act-1-2912> (Lesson 1 and 2)

Maths

Decimals and Percentages

<https://corbettmaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/FDP-Mixture-pdf.pdf>

Science

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=719> Separating mixtures

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=721> Distillation

Geography

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=181>

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=182>

Art

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=1704> Picasso part 1

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=1705> Picasso part 2

Year 8

English: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/complex-sentences-avoiding-fragments-and-run-ons-capital-letters-1a77> (Lesson 4 and 5)

Maths

Sequences

<https://corbettmaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Sequences.pdf>

Science:

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=1374> Materials and the earth recycling resources

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=1375> Materials and the earth mining

Geography

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=181>

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