

DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy



31st January 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As you are aware tomorrow members of the National Education Union will be taking strike action. It is our full intention to open to years 7, 10 and 11. We will endeavour to ensure this is the case, 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.

These are all legitimate and legal activities within Industrial Action.

The very intention of strike action is to cause disruption. This makes it difficult to plan for. We have analysed the number of staff we think will be affected but, for the reasons stated, planning for student provision is difficult and subject to change.

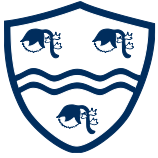
We will only know for definite when staff arrive for work at 8:30am on Wednesday morning if we can open as planned. Should your child arrive at the academy on Wednesday morning for an 8:45am start and we are in a position where we will be unable to open for the three year groups we will notify all parents 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 Year 7, 10 and 11 students, 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. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

We are aware we have informed you of the draw for Year 7, 10 and 11 attending, but would also like to add that a draw will be held for Year 8 and 9 for all pupils who engage in the work provided for the day.

Please see over page for the links to all Year 8 and Year 9 work, which can also be found on the website.

Kind regards,



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Matthew Little
Principal

Work for year 8 and 9. 1st February 2023

Year 8

English:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/grammar-for-writing-c6ed> Writing: Grammar and Punctuation

Maths

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/income-tax-69jp4d> financial maths - income tax

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/mortgages-71jp8t> financial maths - mortgages

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/savings-6gtk0c> financial maths - savings

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/payday-loans-c5k64t> financial maths - pay day loans

Science

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=1204> Case Study on Mary Anning

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=1206> Biodiversity and Ecology Revision Lesson

Geography

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=373> Climate Change

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=374> Effects of Climate Change

Art

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=2292> – National Identity

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=2282> - – National Identity

Year 9

English:

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=71> Romeo and Juliet: The prologue

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=1794> Romeo and Juliet : Feuding Families

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=74> Romeo and Juliet: Introducing Romeo

Maths

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/income-tax-69jp4d> financial maths - income tax

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/mortgages-71jp8t> financial maths - mortgages

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/savings-6gtk0c> financial maths - savings

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/payday-loans-c5k64t> financial maths - pay day loans

Science:

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=1446> Respiratory System

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=1444> Musculoskeletal Lesson

Geography

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=373> Climate Change

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons?r=374> Effects of Climate Change

Art

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