



BENTON PARK SCHOOL

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21st February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, there are three more scheduled dates where strike action is currently planned to take place these are Tuesday 28th February, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Only qualified teachers who are members of the NEU or who are not part of a trade union may take part in the industrial strike action. This does mean, however, that some colleagues in our school will not be in school as a consequence of the proposed industrial action.

The Department for Education has updated its 'Handling Strike Action in Schools' guidance where it has set out that Headteachers and governing bodies are to take all reasonable steps to keep schools open for as many students as possible. As I am sure you will appreciate, this is very much dependent on the number of colleagues who will be taking part in strike action on the dates provided above.

Over the coming week, we will be communicating with you in more detail, our plans for Tuesday 28th February where we will aim to be as 'fully open' as we possibly can be. At this stage we are planning to open to Years 7, 9, 11, 12 and 13. All other year groups will be completing their learning at home.

We are expecting that all events, such as our Year 11 mock examinations, will continue as normal.

We will communicate our plans regarding the future planned strike action closer to the date, however, we would hope to be able to ensure other year groups also get time within school.

Yours sincerely,

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