



George Mitchell School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Planned strike action at George Mitchel School on the 27th April and 2nd May 2023

We write further to our previous correspondence to update you on the progress of our contingency planning during the forthcoming strike action in schools.

What will happen at the school during the strike on the 27th April and 2nd May 2023?

- Given the proximity of these strike days to the public examinations and Key stage 2 SATs, **the school will be open to all students in Year 11 and targeted students in year 6**. The school will be closed to all other students (EYFS – YR10) unless they are a vulnerable student.
- **The parents/carers of the targeted year 6 students and vulnerable students will be contacted directly by the school, please do not send your child to school if you have not been contacted.**
- YR11 students are asked to attend school on both days between 09.30am – 2.00pm. The usual timetable will be suspended; however, all students will complete revision activities or exam practice on both days. Non-attendance will be regarded as an unauthorised absence, unless there are genuine or exceptional reasons for non-attendance, in which case existing policies regarding absence reporting apply.
- YR6 students are asked to attend school between 08.40am – 11.20am
- Guidance makes it clear that striking teachers are not asked to set work for their classes to complete on the day of strike. However, secondary phase students are asked to access Seneca learning and MyMaths in order to minimise disruption and further learning loss.
- If your child is eligible for free school meals then a packed lunch will be available for them to collect from the primary and secondary school at 12.00pm.

We have tried to give parents and carers as much notice as possible of these circumstances. We appreciate that any closure may be disruptive to you, for which we apologise. We hope that you understand we have not taken these decisions lightly and had to take decisions to secure the health and safety of your child and any non-striking staff in consideration of anticipated heavily reduced numbers of staffing.

Lastly, we want to take this opportunity to reiterate that your child's education is important to all staff at George Mitchell. We hope that by putting in place these contingency plans we can limit any impact the strikes could have to your child's education.

Yours sincerely

Miss Simmons
Head teacher

