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Dear Parents & Carers

I write today solely to outline our school operating plans for Wednesday 1st February. This is the first day of four planned days where teachers of the National Education Union can strike and therefore will not be available to attend school for work or set work of any kind. We, as is the case in many schools, have a large proportion of teachers who may choose to strike, so in order to ensure a safe working environment and, as far as possible, a productive learning day for all the following plan will be put in place.

The school site will be open for students in Years 11, 12 and 13 where a full and normal timetable will be in operation, all students in those years should attend as normal. We feel this is especially important given Mock Examinations are scheduled in the remaining weeks of term and we must continue to prepare those in examination years as much as possible for upcoming main exams. In the event that the subject teacher is not in school for the timetabled lesson (whether for striking purposes, illness or other) then students in sixth form can still access all the usual support spaces and resources normally available to them. Lessons for Year 11 students will be covered as is normal practice and time will be provided for structured revision. All Year 11's will start P1 with an Assembly, led by Mr Atkins, in the Theatre before heading to Science P1. Students are requested to bring revision material should they be required to study independently at times.

Students in Years 7-10 will be asked to work remotely from home for the day. Work will be set on Go4Schools in the same way as homework tasks so this will be viewable by both students and parents. If you need any help with logging in to Go4Schools please see the [G4S page](#) of our website. As well as work set by any available teachers your child would normally have, there will also be centrally set tasks for Years 7-10 which can be accessed as required. The resources provided will consist of:

- PSHE and literacy activities linked to the Digital Safety theme that students are looking at in tutor time
- Maths activities linked to the NSPCC National Number day

As well as these set tasks we would also encourage all students to read for pleasure and for Year 10 to spend time revising for the upcoming GCSE RE mock exam.

In addition, we have identified and will be writing separately later today to a small group of students in Years 7-10 who are our most vulnerable learners. Those students will not attend normal lessons but will be supported to access on line learning with many of our pastoral support staff who they are familiar with and will work in adapted areas of the school.

We are very conscious that for some families the cost of living crisis continues to add extra pressures so we will continue to support those eligible for Free School Meals. Students in Years 7-10, remote learning and eligible can be provided with a packed lunch on Wednesday 1st February. This will need to be pre-ordered by the end of Tuesday 31st January by completing the order form [here](#). Packed lunches will then be available for collection on Wednesday between 1:00pm and 1:30pm from the

dining room – Students need not attend in uniform and can access the school direct at the front by the canteen.

We will continue to support the delivery of vaccinations through the Warwickshire School Health Team. Any Year 10 students who have received a personal invite for their 2nd HPV vaccination on 31st January (those that missed this last year and whose parents/carers have given consent) are now asked to attend site on Wednesday 1st February between the hours of 10am-11am for their vaccination. Due to numbers, the vaccinations team will not be able to complete the vaccinations for Year 10 on Tuesday 31st. It is hoped that that all Year 9 students (those whose parents/carers have given consent) will have had their vaccination on the Tuesday 31st January however, any not seen by the vaccinations team on Tuesday will be invited in to school on Wednesday 1st February between the hours of 11am – 12noon. Students reporting for vaccinations are to go to the Sports Hall via the entrance to the Astroturf on the far side of the main car park.

All students will be back at school on Thursday 2nd February for a normal days teaching and work.

Please do discuss the plans for Wednesday with your child. All students will be informed on Monday during Tutor time where staff can support any specific queries.

Have a great weekend.

Mike Lowdell
Head Teacher