26TH FEBRUARY 2023



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# NEU Strike: Thursday 2nd March 2023

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# Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, members of the NEU teaching union are holding a second day of industrial action on Thursday 2nd March 2023. In Ysgol Calon Cymru we have a large number of staff who belong to the NEU, so, to ensure proper Health and Safety, I have had to take the decision to restrict the number of pupils who can attend school on that date.

**What pupils can attend school?**

On Thursday 2nd March, **school will be closed for all pupils except**:

1. Pupils on planned external trips and educational visits.

These trips and visits will still take place and we will communicate with the parents and carers of these pupils separately.

**Why can't all pupils attend and be taught by non-striking teachers or supply teachers?**

Under the terms of the industrial action we are not allowed to replace teachers during the strike with non-striking teachers or supply agency staff. Part of the conditions of the strike action is that classes are left untaught.

**For pupils not in school, will there be online learning?**

For pupils who are not in school, online learning will be provided for some of their classes. Online learning will be provided by those staff who are in-school and not striking. HOWEVER, under the terms of the industrial action, online learning will not be provided for those classes where a teacher is on strike.

**How will my child know if a teacher is on strike or not?**

Your child will not know if there is online learning until they check the TEAMS page for a particular class. It is not possible to give advance notice of what online learning will be available, as a list of striking teachers cannot be published.

**What if my child logs-on to the TEAMS page for a class and finds no work?**

In this situation, I would encourage our pupils to complete work from another subject area, and for exam classes to use the time to revise/self-study or to access the learning resources on the school website.

**My child is entitled to Free School Meals, will provision be available?**

For those pupils entitled to free school meals, a packed lunch will be available to pick up from the school canteen at lunchtime. If you require a packed lunch for your child, please could you contact the school office to order in advance.

**What will happen with the planned Year 9 Parents Evening?**

Due to the strike we will also need to reschedule the planned Year 9 Parents Evening. I will write to all parents/carers of Year 9 pupils in s separate newsletter to confirm our new arrangements.

As ever, thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing all pupils back on campus on Friday 3rd March.

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