



The South Wolds
Academy

21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Planned Industrial Action by the NEU

Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023 – school open to Years 11, 12 and 13 and invited vulnerable children only.

You will be aware that the National Education Union has called further one-day strikes on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023** as part of the national industrial action over changes to pay, pensions and terms and conditions of their members.

We have worked as closely as we can with staff to try and estimate the numbers of staff who will be involved and have taken the decision to limit the number of students on site. This is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where colleagues have elected to take lawful industrial action, we will have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all students.

Our intention is that the school will remain **open to Years 11, 12 and 13** on 27th April and 2nd May and that we will provide normal services wherever possible. For students in Year 11 please note that the published GCSE Spanish speaking examinations will take place on the 27th but all after school revision sessions and study club sessions will be cancelled on the two strike days. In line with accepted protocol we will not require teaching staff to cover for union members who are taking part in the strike action.

The Student Support Team will contact the parents or carers of students who we feel will be best looked after in school over the two days, by Tuesday 25th April at the latest, and we will operate supervision for these students with the resources that we will have available on these days.

Therefore, the school will be **closed to Years 7 to 10** on 27th April and 2nd May and students will be expected to continue their education remotely for these days. Work will be set remotely for your child using Show My Homework (Satchel One). All work should be submitted online or handed in, as detailed in the task. You may wish to double check that Show My Homework (Satchel One) is working for your child from home before the strike days: please email your child's tutor if you need any support with this.

In Year 11 and the sixth form normal attendance is expected and students should attend lessons as usual: where a teacher is absent, Post-16 students must use this time for private study.

Sixth form students must sign in using the InVentry system in the sixth form common room; Year 11 will be registered in an assembly in the main hall on each strike day.

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Buses will operate as normal and any student who is attending school on the strike days will be able to access school meals in the normal way. Students who are in receipt of free school meals will be offered a packed lunch to take home with them on Wednesday 26th April which can be refrigerated overnight for consumption on the Thursday. Students will be asked to visit the canteen after lunch on 26th April to collect these should they wish to do so. If a student in receipt of free school meals requires a packed lunch on Tuesday 2nd May, please email the office@southwolds.notts.sch.uk to pre-order one by 10am on 2nd May and they can then be collected from school.

We look forward to welcoming every student back on to site on Friday 28th April and then again on Wednesday 3rd May.

Again, I regret any inconvenience caused and hope that this clarification of the situation is of some help in anticipating possible impacts on childcare and similar arrangements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Angus', with a stylized, cursive script.

Halina Angus
Head teacher