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Featherstone High School

Founding Member of the Grand Union MAT



23rd February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Industrial Action on 2nd March 2023 and partial closure

As you may be aware, the NEU have voted to take further industrial action with a second strike day being Thursday 2nd March.

Having considered the anticipated staffing situation on Thursday 2nd March, I am sorry to have to inform you that the school will be closed to students in all year groups except for students in Year 11 and Year 13. From a health and safety point of view, we will not have enough staff in school to bring other year groups in and are therefore prioritising the exam year groups as requested by the Department for Education. A small number of our more vulnerable pupils will also be invited in by the SEN department or by the pastoral team. The school day will start as normal at 8:30 am for students in school.

Students should therefore **not** come into school on Thursday 2nd March unless they are in Year 11 or Year 13 or, have been individually invited in. Students in Year 11 will be undertaking mock examinations during the day and will be dismissed from school following their second examination.

Students, who are at home, should use the day to complete homework in their subjects. Homework will be set by teachers however, this may be inconsistent as staff who are striking are under no obligation to set work.

Should you have a particular need for us to have your child in school on account of being a critical worker, please complete the form on the following link by Monday 27th February at 12 noon - <https://forms.office.com/e/Xs012TiDvB>. Please do only use this option if absolutely necessary as we have very limited staff coming in.

All students entitled to free school meals will be issued with a food voucher ahead of Thursday.

The NEU has called for two further days of industrial action on Wednesday 15th March 2023 and Thursday 16th March 2023 and I will write to you nearer to these dates to let you know how Featherstone High School is affected. The school will be open as normal on Friday 3rd March.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Walters
Headteacher