



Dartmoor
Multi Academy
Trust

26th June 2023

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Dear Parent/Carers,

RE: Industrial Strike Action – Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023

As you may be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) recently announced two further days of industrial action. I am writing to you today to inform you of our plans and what this will mean for your child.

Our first responsibility as a school is to safeguard our children. With again potentially a large number of teachers striking, we have made the decision to only partially open next Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023 to the following groups of students:

Wednesday 5th July 2023

Year 12 students – Year 12 students will follow their normal timetable on this day. If one of their teachers is taking industrial action, Year 12 students should complete private study for that lesson. Wardhayes will be open all day to students in Year 12 and the café will also be open as normal.

Year 10 students – Students will follow their usual timetables. If one of their teachers is absence due to the strike action, they will be directed to a room for supervised study.

Buses will run as normal for students in Years 10 and 12 and canteen facilities will be open as normal.

On Wednesday 5th July 2023, we will be closed to students in Years 7, 8, and 9. In line with guidance, we will be providing work for students to do at home on this day. Details of this work will be posted on ClassCharts.

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Friday 7th July 2023

Year 12 students – Year 12 students will follow their normal timetable on this day. If one of their teachers is taking industrial action, Year 12 students should complete private study for that lesson. Wardhayes will be open all day to students in Year 12 and the café will also be open as normal.

Year 7 students – Students will follow their usual timetables. If one of their teachers is absent due to the strike action, they will be directed to a room for supervised study.

Buses will run as normal for students in Years 7 and 12 and canteen facilities will be open as normal.

On Friday 7th July 2023, we will be closed to students in Years 8, 9 and 10. In line with guidance, we will be providing work for students to do at home on this day. Details of this work will be posted on ClassCharts.

Students who are eligible for a Free School Meal

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who are eligible for a free school meal will be able to collect a packed lunch from the café at **lunchtime on Tuesday 4th July 2023** in preparation for the strike day on Wednesday 5th July 2023.

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 who are eligible for a free school meal will be able to collect a packed lunch from the café at **lunchtime on Thursday 6th July 2023** in preparation for the strike day on Friday 7th July.

If there are any further updates to the planned industrial action, we will of course keep you updated. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch at admin@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Sweeney
Principal, Okehampton College