

West Monmouth School

Ysgol Gorllewin Mynwy



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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you are probably aware from media coverage, it currently looks likely that the NEU trade union will be going ahead with their planned strike action on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 15th March**
- **Thursday 16th March.**

As previously, I want to stress that this is a national dispute between the NEU and government over pay and is not related to any particular issues at our school. Nevertheless, we will be affected by it and, unfortunately, the disruption will be very significant as more members of staff have now chosen to join the NEU and so will be unavailable for work. The situation is changing on a daily basis as negotiations continue to take place and I will update you if there are any changes. Currently, the arrangements for next Wednesday and Thursday will be as follows:

Wednesday 15th March – school will be open to pupils in years 10 & 11 only.

Thursday 16th March – school will be open to pupils in year 11 only with online seminars provided for year 10. (more information will follow on this)

Unfortunately, legislation states that we cannot require teachers to provide online learning for pupils either on this day but there are online resources such as Hegarty Maths, GCSE POD, BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy which all pupils can access. They may also have homework tasks which they can complete at home which will be posted on their subject Teams.

We have also been able to source externally provided study skills webinars for year 10 pupils on the Thursday – information regarding accessing these will be posted in the year 10 Team and also sent to parents.

Pupils entitled to free school meals will be able to pick up packed lunches from the canteen on Tuesday afternoon.

We understand that these arrangements will be very inconvenient for many families and that this further disruption to learning is very frustrating, but I would ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

We will continue to work closely with our local union representatives to keep up-to-date with the situation and will notify you as soon as we have any new information to share.

Yours sincerely.

Miss E. Jordan

Headteacher

