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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Industrial Action planned on Wednesday 1st February 2023 ~ School closed to some year groups

I am writing to update you regarding the industrial action to be taken by members of the NEU (National Education Union) on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

The NEU represent a large proportion of teachers at John Ferneley College. This means we have had to complete a risk assessment to consider the impact on the school of not having a number of staff available to work. The reduced number of teaching staff on site does not allow the school to be open as normal and, therefore, the school will be closed to students in some year groups.

John Ferneley College will be closed on Wednesday 1st February to students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

John Ferneley College will be open on Wednesday 1st February for students in Year 11, who should plan to attend as normal.

The school will also be open to some students who are considered to be vulnerable and to some students whose parents/guardians are critical workers. A separate communication has been sent to the parents/guardians of vulnerable students, to ask them to let us know if they would like to accept their place at school on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

If you believe you are a **critical worker** and would like your child to take their place on 1st February, please complete this short Microsoft form linked below, by **6pm on Sunday 29th January 2023.**

Please see the Department for Education link below appendix B:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1114577/Emergency_planning_and_response_for_education_childcare_and_children_s_social_care_settings.pdf

- **Microsoft form for critical workers >** <https://forms.office.com/e/Z6GvNe6jG2>

Those staff who are not taking industrial action have been asked to set work for classes that they were due to teach in their class group on TEAMS. Staff taking industrial action will not be setting work. We would advise students to use national resources, such as Oak National and BBC bitesize for those lessons. A step-by-step guide of how your child can access their TEAMS work and links for national resources will be sent out early next week. Please check with your child/ren that they are able to log on to their Microsoft TEAMS at home this weekend, if possible. For any queries, please email **Mr Hallifax (Assistant Headteacher: Timetable, Data and Exams)** at ahallifax@johnferneley.org

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Free School Meals

Students in receipt of free school meals will be able to collect a 'grab-bag' lunch on the afternoon of Tuesday 31st January, if they are not able to attend school on Wednesday. Please indicate using the Microsoft form linked below if your child is free school meals and would like to collect a 'grab-bag' on Tuesday 31st January. The deadline for responses to this form is **6pm on Sunday 29th January 2023.**

- **Microsoft form for Free School Meal 'grab-bag'** > <https://forms.office.com/e/giNUZvfw6r>

We have attempted to give parents/guardians as much notice as possible, and I hope that you understand that the decision to close the school for most students has not been taken lightly.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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