



27th February 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Industrial Action planned on Wednesday 1st March 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 March 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 March to students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

John Ferneley College will be open on Wednesday 1st March for students in Year 11, who should plan to attend as normal and continue with the mock exam schedule.

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 gone to vulnerable students' parents/guardians to ask them to let us know if they would like to accept their place at school on Wednesday.

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

If you believe you are a critical worker and would like your child to take their place on Wednesday 1st March, please ensure you fill in this short online form by **Midday, tomorrow (Tuesday 28th February)**:

- **Complete 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 has been sent out. **For any problems logging onto TEAMS, please email hbattisson@johnferneley.org.**

Please see overleaf.....

Free School Meals

Students in receipt of **free school meals** will be able to collect a 'grab-bag' lunch on the afternoon of Tuesday 28th February, if they are not able to attend school on Wednesday. Please indicate using the form below, if your child is free school meals and would like to collect a grab bag on Tuesday 28th February. Please complete the form by **Midday, tomorrow (Tuesday 28th February)**:

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

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.

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