



10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Industrial Action planned on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**. Although the situation could change and the industrial action could be called off, currently it is going ahead, and we wanted to communicate our plans to you.

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 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March to students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.**

**John Ferneley College will be open on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 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 gone out 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 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March.

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](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 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> March, please fill in this short online form **by Midday on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**.

- **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](mailto: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 (allocation for two days) on the afternoon of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, if they are not able to attend school on Wednesday or Thursday. Please indicate using the following linked form if your child is eligible for free school meals, and would like to collect a 'grab-bag' on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please fill in this short online form by **Midday on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March:**

- **Complete form for Free School Meal 'grab-bag'** > <https://forms.office.com/e/qiNUZvfw6r>

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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