

Dear Parent/Carers

Industrial Action planned on 5th July and 7th July 2023

School closed to some year groups – please read the following information carefully.

I am writing to update you regarding the industrial action to be taken by members of the NEU (National Education Union) on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. Although the situation could change and the industrial action cancelled, currently it is going ahead, and we wanted to communicate the plans.

The NEU represents 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. Please pay close attention to the plans for each day as the plans do vary for both dates.

5th July:

John Ferneley College will be closed on Wednesday 5th July to students in Year 8 and Year 9.

John Ferneley College will be running the Mount Cook trip for many Year 7 students as planned.

The school will be open on Wednesday 5th July for students in Year 7 who are not going on the Mount Cook trip.

The school will be open on Wednesday 5th July for students in Year 10 and they will follow their normal timetable for the day.

7th July:

John Ferneley College will be closed on Friday 7th July to students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9.

The planned Sports Day on Friday 7th July has been rearranged to Thursday 6th July, when the school is open as normal to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The school will be open on Friday 7th July for students in Year 10 and they will follow their normal timetable for the day.

The school will also be open to some students who are considered to be vulnerable and to some students whose parents/carers are critical workers. A separate communication has gone to such parents/carers to ask them to let us know if they would like to accept their place at school on Wednesday 5th July or Friday 7th July.

If you believe you are a critical worker and would like your child to take their place on Wednesday 5th July or Friday 7th July, please fill in this Microsoft form by 12pm Monday 3rd July.

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 their 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: hbattison@johnferneley.org

Students in receipt of free school meals will be able to collect a 'grab-bag' lunch on the afternoon of Tuesday 4th July if they are not able to attend school on Wednesday or Friday. Please indicate using this Microsoft form if your child is free school meals and would like to collect a grab bag on Tuesday 4th July. Please complete the form by 12pm Monday 3rd July.

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

Final reminder that the school is open as normal on Thursday 6th July for Years 7,8,9 and 10 for our annual Sports Day (weather permitting).

I hope that you understand that the decision to close the school on 5th July and 7th July for most students has not been taken lightly.

Thank you for your understanding.

Christine Stansfield
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