

22nd February 2023

Notice of Home Learning on Wednesday 1st March due to Strike Action

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we informed you in February, the National Education Union (NEU) has balloted their member to strike on several days in the coming weeks. The second-strike day is on Wednesday 1st March 2023. This is followed by a further two days of planned industrial action affecting our region on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.

No teacher would wish to disrupt the education of young people but the current concerns with school funding, the crisis in teacher retention and recruitment and years of erosion in pay are the root causes of this dispute between NEU members and the Government.

We currently have approximately 49 members of staff in the NEU so it is likely that there will be significant absence on these days. It will, therefore, be impossible to cover all lessons on the strike days. In addition, reduced supervision around school will inevitably affect our ability to maintain our usual levels of safety.

Having reviewed the balance of running an effective day with our students against the safeguarding priorities, I have made the difficult decision to **move some of the school to home learning on Wednesday 1st March.**

Years 7, 8 and 9 will be on home learning and **Years 10, 11 and 12 will be in the academy, following their normal timetable. The canteen will be open as usual.**

Year 13 are already on study leave this week for their PPE's, which will go ahead as planned for this day.

We will open a small school on this date for our most vulnerable learners in Years 7 to 9 who will be supervised to complete the online work in school. If you feel that your child is a vulnerable learner for example, they have an EHCP or are looked after and you feel they need to a place in school on the 1st March, then please complete the linked Microsoft form found here: [Small School Provision](#)

All forms need to be returned to the Academy by 3.00pm on Friday 24th February 2023. The canteen will be offering a service on this date and students will need to wear full school uniform. In addition, it is worth noting that the small school will be following the same home learning instructions as those students working at home. There will be no additional taught lessons available.

Guidance on home learning - All students are expected to engage in home learning on the day. Full instructions for each year group are here:

- Year 7 [download.asp \(thehazeleyacademy.com\)](#)
- Year 8 [download.asp \(thehazeleyacademy.com\)](#)
- Year 9 [download.asp \(thehazeleyacademy.com\)](#)

If your child does not have a device to connect to Microsoft Teams, please email our IT support team at ITS@thehazeleyacademy.com

Accessing free school meals for Years 7-9. Students who claim free school meals will be able to collect a lunch on Tuesday 28th February 2023 after 3.15pm from student services, to take home for their lunch on Wednesday. If you normally claim free school meals (Years 7-9 only), please click on this link to book a lunch for collection: [Free School Meals Survey](#). All forms need to be completed by 3pm on Friday 24th February 2023.

We will review the most up to date guidance closer to the other planned industrial action dates and make sure we give you as much notice of the plans as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Miss T Whiteman
Head of School