

10th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Strike Action – Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March 2023

You will be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues at our school.

I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.**

After undertaking a risk assessment (taking into account the potential number of teachers who may take action, the number of students who will need supervision in order to be safe, the need to accommodate our students who are near to national assessments as well as those who are our most vulnerable) we have made the following decisions:

On both days school will be open for:

Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students, our most vulnerable students including those with an EHCP, and children of emergency service keyworkers (NHS, Police, Fire and Ambulance - please only send your child if they are of an age requiring childcare and if you have no other alternative provision).

Provision for learning:

Students working from home: Learners will be provided with access to work designed to support and develop learning linked to the curriculum offer of the core subjects. Links for Maths, English and Science can be found on our website. A link to the work will be issued on Tuesday 14th March.

Vulnerable students: Learners will be supervised and supported in areas where students have access to the internet so that same work can be completed as those learners who are working at home.

Year 11, 12 & 13 Students: Students will follow a blend of timetabled lessons and learning support. The Year 11 Geography exam will go ahead as scheduled on Wednesday.

Catering: Provision will be made as usual for students who will be on site. If your child is in Years 7-10 and in receipt of Free School Meals, we will send you an electronic voucher via email to the value of £2.60 for each day.

Transport arrangements: Transport will be running as usual.

After school activities: No period 6 (3pm-4pm) or afterschool clubs will take place on Wednesday 15th or Thursday 16th March.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and/or that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Holderness Academy & Sixth Form remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and delivering high-quality teaching.

If you have any questions, please contact us via email – office@holderness.academy

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Holder', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mr N Holder
Headteacher