



# Wadhams School

A Church of England Community School

*"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10*



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Partial School Closure on Thursday 02.03.23**

You will be aware that the second of four planned days of industrial action by the NEU takes place next Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

As we are likely to experience a similar level of disruption, I am writing to confirm that next Thursday, we will be partially closed, with the majority of students working from home.

The arrangements for next Thursday (set out below) remain the same as before:

A reminder of who should attend:

- **Year 11 students**
- **Sixth Form students**
- Vulnerable students (parental choice, as per guidelines in my previous letter)
- Children of Critical Workers (parental choice, as per guidelines in my previous letter)

If you feel that your child is eligible to attend because they belong to one of the 2 key groups (Vulnerable or Children of Critical Workers) please complete this survey [here](#) to let me know whether they will be attending.

Please complete this survey by 9.00am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February so that we can plan accordingly.

**All other students (Years 7-10) should remain at home on this day.**

## **Arrangements for Thursday 02.03.23**

All school transport is running as normal for students that would usually use it.

### **Year 11**

- Normal lessons (their existing timetable) will continue as planned.
- Students must wear school uniform and bring PE kit if required.
- The Food Hall remains open as usual at break and lunch.

### **Sixth Form**

- Normal lessons are suspended.
- Students can use the school as a warm, self-study space.
- Once staff have been allocated, there may be limited availability to support students.
- The Food Hall remains open as usual at break and lunch.



### **Vulnerable Students and Children of Critical Workers**

- Parents intending to send their child in must complete the survey, **linked above**.
- Students arrive as normal on the day.
- Students may wear PE Kit as an alternative to their school uniform as they have PE after lunch.
- Students will be supported by staff to complete a sequence of online lessons in A13.
- These lessons are the same as those set for Years 7-10, not able to attend on the day.
- The Food Hall remains open as usual at break and lunch.

### **Students in Years 7-10**

- Students in Years 7-10 will be working from home on Thursday 02.03.23
- A Lesson Overview Document will be sent out to parents, with lessons taken from the Oak National Academy Website.
- Hyperlinks within the document take you to units of work that consider students' starting points and prior learning.
- Students can attempt the activities within the link for that lesson, and should aim to complete as much as possible for that subject within the hour.
- To maintain routine, we encourage students to follow the timings of the school day – taking breaks accordingly and completing work by 3.00pm.
- The Lesson Overview Document will be shared with parents, will be available on our website, and will also be in Teams for students to access themselves.

Full consideration has been given to the level of staff absence we are likely to experience, and pending any further unforeseen circumstances, we will have adequate staff onsite and in-post during the day to ensure the safety and well-being of those attending.

If for any reason this should change on the day, then I and the senior team will conduct a risk assessment and may need to make changes to the planned onsite curriculum to ensure we are still able to maintain a quality of education, without compromising on safety.

It is important to explain again that industrial action is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions of employment, and not because of any issues specifically relating to our school, and the staff at Wadham School remain grateful to you – our parents and carers, as we work together to minimise the impact of disruption caused.

Do not hesitate in contacting me should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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