



Wednesday 25th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware from media coverage that the teaching union - National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on several dates, the first being on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the union and the government over teacher's pay, 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. Scalby School will operate a partial closure, in which some year groups will be working remotely from home. Please see the overview below:

Year Group	Learning Provision	Location
7*	Students will be provided with work via Google Classroom (MS Teams in Computing)	Home
8*	Students will be provided with work via Google Classroom (MS Teams in Computing)	Home
9*	Students will be provided with work via Google Classroom (MS Teams in Computing or Imedia)	Home
10*	Students will be provided with work via Google Classroom (MS Teams in Computing or Imedia)	Home
11	Students will be in normal lessons where possible or will be supervised completing a GCSE revision activity	School
Y7 – 10 Vulnerable students	Students will be provided with work via Google Classroom (MS Teams in Computing or Imedia)	School

*Please note, that teaching members of staff who are striking are not compelled to set work for students therefore, some remote work will be generic and will be labelled as such in Google Classroom. If there is no specific set work for a period on Google Classroom, students need to complete this work linking it to the subject scheduled on their timetable. Students can also access www.Tassomai.com, MathsWatch or [Oak National Academy Online Classroom \(thenational.academy\)](http://Oak National Academy Online Classroom (thenational.academy)) in addition to the work on Google Classrooms.

Vulnerable Students

Definition – Families who are involved with social services and may have a social worker. Students who have an Education and Healthcare Plan (EHCP). We will contact all children/families that we know to be in the vulnerable student category and in Year 7-10 by Monday 30th January. If you have not received a call and would like to discuss whether your child is in this category, please contact admin@sc.coastandvale.academy so that we can ensure we have sufficient provision.

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School Transport

School transport will run as normal.

Catering

School lunches will run as normal for all those students attending school at both break and lunchtime.

Free School meals

If your child is working remotely and is eligible for free school meals, school will provide your son / daughter with a voucher equivalent to the value of the meal on Tuesday 31st January at the end of the school day.

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.

The Coast and Vale Learning Trust is committed to keeping open the schools within our Trust family. However, each school context is different. Some schools have a minority of NEU members, others have a large majority. Some schools will fully open, others will partially open, and it is likely that two will fully close. The decision rests with the Headteacher and the Senior Leadership Team looking at their specific context and challenges. No leader wants a single child to suffer a loss of education, at the same time, colleagues understand fully the concerns and reasons of the staff on strike. All our colleagues, regardless of whether they strike or not, want the best for the education of children and young people. We also understand the impact strikes can have on families and the wider community. These issues cannot be decided by a single school, Trust or local authority, and need a national resolution, hopefully before the 28th February, the next planned day of action.

Scalby School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching. We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further. We will ensure that you are updated ahead of the future strike dates that have been announced and will do our best to ensure disruption is minimised.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Head of Year by contacting admin@sc.coastandvale.academy

Yours faithfully,

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