

26th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following my communication in the newsletter last week in relation to industrial action by the NEU, I am now in a position to clarify the arrangements for Wednesday 1st February. As many members of our teaching staff are members of the NEU, I anticipate that this first day of teacher strikes will have a significant impact on the education we can provide on the day.

The school will remain open and some pupils will be invited into school where a reduced curriculum will be provided. This curriculum will focus on English, Maths, Science, PE and Reading. Some lessons will be based in computer rooms, with learning set online and teachers supporting pupils in the room. All other pupils will remain at home where remote learning will be provided based around the same subjects.

Pupils in Years 7-11

All pupils with an EHCP or eligible for free school meals are invited to attend school and take part in the curriculum provided.

We are also able to accommodate your child in school if they are in Year 7 or 8 where you are unable to arrange child care for them at home. Remote learning will be provided for those who remain at home.

Unfortunately, we are not able to open the school for pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 due to health and safety reasons with a reduced staff on the school site. Remote learning will be provided to complete at home.

Pupils attending school on 1st February should arrive at 8.25am as normal. Registration for all pupils in Year 7 and 8 will take place in the Main Hall. Registration for pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 will take place in the gym. Pupils should wear their usual school uniform and also bring their PE kit. They should also bring headphones that can be plugged into a computer if they have them.

If your child has other needs not referred to above and you feel it would beneficial for them to attend school that day please contact the school using the email address: headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk

Sixth Form Students

Sixth Form students are welcome to attend school and study space will be available in the Sixth Form Centre and Silent Study Area. All students attending school must sign in at the Sixth Form Office on arrival. Students should use the day for independent study and revision. In addition, some Sixth Form teachers will be running live lessons on Google Meet during the day following the normal timetable. Details of this will be posted on Google Classrooms and so students should check to see if they have any lessons taking place.

Music Instrumental Lessons

Music instrumental lessons will be taking place as normal on the day following the usual schedule. Pupils undertaking lessons are invited either to attend school for the whole day or to attend just for their lesson. If attending just for the lesson they must sign in and out with the Attendance Officer located in the Pastoral Area.

Will your child be attending?

In order to ensure everything is suitably planned for the day, <u>if your child will be attending</u> school on 1st February it is essential that you complete the Google Form via the link below to indicate this. This must be completed by 4pm on Friday 27th January.

https://forms.gle/eTyAahRHJCP9KbCC9

Year 8 Disco at Hayesfield School

T. D. Neuball

We have confirmed with Hayesfield that the Year 8 Bath Hub disco will be taking place on the evening of 1st February as planned. Members of staff from Beechen Cliff will be attending along with colleagues from Hayesfield and St Marks. Further information on the disco is available on the original letter to Year 8 parents.

I understand that industrial action is an emotive subject and that it will cause inconvenience.

Thank you in advance for your understanding of the situation we find ourselves in.

Mr T D Markall

Headteacher