

30th January 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Strike Action – National Education Union (NEU)

Further to last week's letter, I write to update you on the national strike action by the NEU on Wednesday 1st February, which is affecting schools across the country.

Marshland will **NOT** be closed to any student on this Wednesday's strike day. ALL students, in ALL year groups will be expected to attend school, with lessons continuing as normal. Year 11 PPEs (mock exams) will also continue as planned.

Please be aware that many other local secondary schools and primary schools will be partially or fully closed. It is important that your child continues to attend Marshland despite some students from other schools not being in.

On this occasion, we are able to keep the school open due to the support and flexibility of all staff at Marshland High School.

Whilst the school cannot guarantee against disruption on future strike days, we will do everything we reasonably can to try to reduce any negative impact this may have on our students and their families.

Please be aware that this national dispute between the NEU and central government may continue with the following strike dates announced to date:

Wednesday 1st March 2023 (eastern region, amongst other regions striking)

Wednesday 15th March 2023 (national strike)

Thursday 16th March 2023 (national strike)

We will write to parents again at the end of February to advise whether the school will be fully open, partially open or closed on 1st March.

We wish to maintain a kind and respectful environment while this national industrial action takes place, which is also affecting a number of other sectors at the moment.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to those parents who have remained, irrespective of their views on the issue of strike action, very respectful in their communications to the school and on social media.

Thank you for your understanding and kindness.

Yours sincerely

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