



SJB/Plo

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you have had a lovely weekend?

As many of you will know, there will be another round of strikes by some members of the NEU this Thursday (27th April). Those exercising their right to strike continue to do so with a heavy heart and the number of staff who will be on strike has risen (rather predictably following the recent announcements on funding). The impact on the need to cover lessons will now be too great, as will our ability to have staff out and about on duty.

I am writing to inform you that we will be open to the following students on Thursday:

- Year 7
- Year, 11 (period 6 will continue)
- Year 13
- Any student with an EHCP/Looked After (we will also contact our more vulnerable students to get these children in)

All other year groups will be given work to complete online via Google Classroom.

I realise that this will potentially cause issues for you as parents and I am sorry about that. As I said before, the choice to strike is a last resort and whilst other staff are not on strike, we do agree that the offer made by the Government regarding funding for schools is not acceptable. To fill you in a bit more, the suggested pay rise (which of course would be lovely) will actually be funded from existing budgets and not, as the Government have said, be new funding. Honouring these rises would actually lead to us having to cut back on many of the things we offer at Dene Magna. This is not something we feel is right and our students and community will ultimately suffer.

Many thanks again for your continued support of everything we do at Dene Magna and for your understanding in this issue.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Brady
Headteacher