

# Urmston Grammar School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU has declared strike action on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 (there are also strikes planned for 28<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> March). The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' 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 provisional planned arrangements for February 1<sup>st</sup> when the school will most likely be **partially open** (at this stage I think that we will be open for Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 – but if the situation changes, I will write to you again).

For the students in Years 7, 11, 12 and 13, we hope that some of their lessons will run as normal. For those students who are in school and have a lesson that does not run, we will arrange for Year 7 and Y11 groups to be supervised and Y12-13 groups will be asked to work in the LRC, Social Space or Sixth Form Hub. As part of the industrial action teachers will not set work for their groups, therefore students will be asked to complete homework, revise in preparation for internal and external examinations, complete some tasks that we will set centrally or read.

For students in Years 8, 9 and 10 who are working from home we will post instructions on SATCHEL: Show My Homework.

The West Side Story production will go ahead as planned on the evening of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice and that they will experience some disruption to their education, but as part of our risk assessment, we know that we cannot accommodate all students safely in school on the strike day.

If you have any questions or concerns about the arrangements, please contact me through the school office.

Yours faithfully,

R S Wall  
Headteacher