



21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: NEU Industrial Action – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

The National Education Union (NEU), NASUWT, Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) and National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) have rejected the government's pay offer. The NEU has announced planned strike action for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

We have taken account of NEU membership numbers at Swanshurst, as well as local, regional and national information regarding the number of teachers taking industrial action in March. To enable effective planning and delivery of as much education as possible for pupils, we have planned 27<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> May as below.

**Will school be open to all pupils on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May?**

Partially. Please find details below of the programme of onsite provision for each of the two days. School is closed to pupils in Years 7, 8 & 9. See below for details of how work will be set for these pupils and if you would like to request a critical worker place for your child in Year 7, 8 or 9.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April:** School will be open all day to Year 11, Year 13, for vulnerable pupils, those with an EHCP and for children of critical workers. School will open and close at the normal time for all of these students. In addition, school will be open at the times specified below for some Year 10 & Year 12 students.

Year 11 and 13 pupils will be, where possible, following their normal timetable.

Year 11 STUDY side ('a' side) should go to Lower Hall for 8:40am, with LEARN side ('b' side) going to Upper Hall for 8:40am. Year 11 pupils must return to these same venues at the end of breaktime and at the end of lunchtime.

Year 13 should go to SSA for 8:40am.

Year 11 pupils due to have their GCSE Art exam on this day (11E & 11B groups) will continue with arrangements as set out by their Art teacher. Pupils must first register in Lower/Upper Hall as above.

Year 12 students studying Criminology should attend a Criminology session from 9:05-11:30am in CT1. Year 12 students studying Health & Social Care who will sit their unit 2 examination this summer (students studying single & double) should attend school from 9:05am-2:55pm in CT3. All Year 12 students must tap in please on arrival to school.

For Year 10, school will be open 12:30pm to 3pm for specific Year 10 option groups. The Year 10 schedule is as follows:

- 10E Food (FO2)
- 10E RS
- 10E Creative iMedia (LF10)
- 10E Health & Social Care
- 10D Dance (CS7)
- 10E Economics
- 10E Psychology (group 4 ONLY)
- 10E Business

On arrival, pupils should go to their normal teaching rooms for this option block (unless stated above).

Students in Years 7-10 attending school as children of critical workers or who have been invited in should go to UF6 for 8:40am.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** School will be open all day to Year 11, Year 13, for vulnerable pupils, those with an EHCP and for children of critical workers. School will open and close at the normal time for all of these students. In addition, school will be open at the times specified below for some Year 12 students as detailed below.

Year 11 and 13 pupils will be, where possible, following their normal timetable.

Year 11 STUDY side ('a' side) should go to Lower Hall for 8:40am, with LEARN side ('b' side) going to Upper Hall for 8:40am. Year 11 pupils must return to these same venues at the end of breaktime and at the end of lunchtime.

Year 13 should go to SSA for 8:40am.

Individual appointments for GCSE Modern Foreign Languages speaking exams will continue as planned.

Year 12 students studying Food & Nutrition should attend a session in F02 from 9:05am-11:30am. Students studying Criminology should attend a Criminology session from 9:05-11:30am in CT1. Year 12 students studying Health & Social Care who will sit their unit 2 examination this summer (students studying single & double) should attend school from 9:05am-2:55pm in CT3. All Year 12 students must tap in please on arrival to school.

There are no additional Year 10 sessions on this day.

Students in Years 7-10 attending school as children of critical workers or who have been invited in should go to UF6 for 8:40am.

**Will Free School Meals (FSM) be provided for eligible pupils?**

Yes, as long as a meal has been requested in advance. For pupils who are eligible for FSM, we are able to offer a packed lunch for collection at 12:30pm on the day from The Hub. To request a packed lunch, you must complete the relevant section of the form below.

For pupils who are attending onsite provision, food will be provided by the canteen as normal at break and lunchtime.

**How will places for on-site provision for other groups be allocated?**

For vulnerable pupils, pastoral staff have identified those who should be offered a place in our on-site provision using the guidance provided by The Department for Education. Families of these pupils will be contacted over the coming days for places to be confirmed.

For pupils with an EHCP, pastoral or SEND staff will be in touch with families over the coming days for places to be confirmed.

For children of critical workers, we require parents/ carers to review the enclosed list which defines 'critical worker' status. If your role falls into this category and you require on-site provision for your child on 27<sup>th</sup> April and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> May, you must complete the relevant section of the form below. Please note that on-site provision or an FSM packed lunch will not be provided unless this form is completed.

To request a critical worker child place and/or to request a Free School Meal, please complete the correct form by 26<sup>th</sup> April or 1<sup>st</sup> May respectively:

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April: <https://forms.office.com/e/KjC1gQVqk1>

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: <https://forms.office.com/e/kUQ2qGW1sx>

**For pupils working at home, how will work be set?**

For all other pupils, independent work from Oak National Academy, or other online resources, will be set. This work will be set on Edulink and will be available from 8:40am on 27<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The work set will be for a range of subjects and will either consolidate recent learning or provide pre-learning for the upcoming curriculum content in these subjects.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact school via [enquiry@swanshurst.org](mailto:enquiry@swanshurst.org).

Yours faithfully,

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