



Dear Families

**Sackville School will be closed to most children and young people on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May 2023, due to planned Teachers' Industrial Action.**

Following a pay offer from that was subsequently rejected by teacher unions, the NEU have scheduled two further days of industrial action. Whilst this is far from an ideal situation for anyone involved, we will continue to provide the best possible education to our students with the resources available to us.

As previously mentioned, we are unable to predict the exact number of staff who will be in school or available to set their own cover work. Therefore, in accordance with our risk assessment and contingency planning, we can again only have a very limited number of students in school to ensure that the safety of the children and young people in our care is maintained.

With the examinations now only a couple of weeks away, we have decided that **Year 11** and **Year 13** will be prioritised to come into school on both of the next two planned days. Year 11 has a later start due to the likelihood of there being a limited number of staff available periods 1 and 2. In addition to this, **Year 12** will be expected to attend all of their lessons, on the understanding that they can either stay in school and use our study facilities to complete individual work or leave site when they do not have a teacher.

Other students who may be in need of additional support will be sent a separate communication, to determine the most appropriate place of study for them over the course of the two days.

#### **Adjusted timings for Thursday 27 April:**

- **Year 11** - Arrive by **11.15 am** and go straight to lesson 3
- **Sixth Form** - Arrive at the usual time of **8.25 am** and go to registration
- **Students in need of additional support** who have selected to be in school - Arrive by **8.25 am**

#### **All other year groups/students:**

We would like to ensure that as much learning can still take place for all students as possible. Where possible, we will deliver live lessons via the Google Meet platform. Details of how to access this will be sent out on Monday. Your child will need access to an electronic device for approximately 30 minutes each lesson.

#### **Home Learning and online Resources - All years**

Where teachers are unavailable to deliver lessons, students and parents/carers can access work from a number of online resources that can be found in the home learning area on our website

<https://sackvilleschool.org.uk/resources-to-support-home-learning/>. There is a wealth of resources available covering the vast majority of subjects.

#### **Food and Free School Meals**

Food will be available for all students in school from the canteen in the usual way.

If your child is eligible for a **free school meal**, they can collect a packed lunch for Thursday from the school canteen at the end of the day on Wednesday 26 April.

We know this situation is again disruptive for you and we apologise for any inconvenience these arrangements may cause. We very much hope that fresh talks between the government and unions can be agreed to avoid further industrial action, particularly as other teacher unions are now discussing balloting members on further action in the autumn. I will keep you updated as soon as we hear any more information.

Finally, please note that **all students** are expected **back in school Friday 28 April**.

Thank you for your continuing support and understanding.



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