



10 March 2023

Dear Families

Teachers' Industrial Action Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023

Sackville School will be closed to most children and young people on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023 assuming the planned Teachers' industrial action goes ahead.

As we move into the final two days of those days that are currently scheduled for industrial action, we are again anticipating a similar number of staff available to work with students in school on those days. 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 exam moving ever closer, we have decided that Year 11 should still be a priority to come into school for at least one of those days. However two days back to back without all of their regular teachers may not be as beneficial, so they are only expected to attend on Wednesday.

In total there will be three groups of students in school over the two days and food for them will be available in the canteen:

Wednesday 15 March -

Year 11 should arrive at the slightly later time ready for registration at 9.15 am and in full school uniform.

- Year 11
- Year 12 (8.25am start)
- Other students who may be in need of additional support. (A separate communication will be sent to those families) (8.25am start)

Thursday 16 March -

All students should arrive at the usual time ready for registration at 8.25 am and in full school uniform.

- Year 10
- Year 12
- Other students who may be in need of additional support. (A separate communication will be sent to those families).

This decision has again not been taken lightly and we felt it important at this stage in the year to prioritise those year groups taking examinations this year.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and 11 when not in school

We would like to ensure that as much learning can still take place for all students on Thursday as possible. As before, 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.

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for a free school meal, they can collect a packed lunch for **both days** from the school canteen at the end of the day on Tuesday 14 March.

We know this situation is again potentially very disruptive for you and your family and apologise for any inconvenience these arrangements may cause. We very much hope that talks between the government and unions can move forward and avoid any further industrial action. I will keep you updated as soon as we hear any more information.

Thank you for your continuing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jo Meloni'.

Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher