



The Barlow RC High School & Specialist Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer

Important Notice

As you will be aware through media coverage the National Education Union (NEU) has voted to take strike action on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023**. This action is in pursuit of the ongoing dispute with the Secretary of State for Education around teachers' pay and conditions.

Whilst this action is regrettable, Headteachers have been instructed to carry out risk assessments based on the number of teachers who will be involved, to establish whether or not the school can continue to function normally and ensure the Health and Safety of all its pupils.

Based on this information, I am writing to inform you that, due to a significant proportion of our teachers being members of the Union involved in the strike action, it will not be possible for us to provide pupils with their normal curricular diet nor provide adequate supervision at break and lunchtime for the whole school.

It is therefore necessary that:

- The school will have to close to pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March** – but will remain open for all Year 11 pupils. Pupils should attend school as normal at 8.30am.
- The school will make provision for any pupil with an EHCP. If your child has an EHCP and you wish them to attend school, then please inform us via an email to pupilsupport@thebarlowrchigh.co.uk by the end of the day on Friday 10th March.
- Pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 should remain at home and complete any homework, revision or outstanding classwork.

We recognise, however, that this may present very serious problems for some families. Should this be the case, please contact the school by the end of the day on **Friday 10th March 2023**.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals and you require a packed lunch (sandwich, fruit, biscuit and drink) then please let us know via email to pupilsupport@thebarlowrchigh.co.uk including the full name of your child. This can be collected from Reception between 8.30-1.30pm on the days of the closure.

This letter has been sent with the intention of providing you with as much notice as possible to allow you to plan for your child, however, should there be any agreements reached between the Government and the Union in the meantime, you will be notified immediately.

School will therefore resume again for all pupils as normal on **Friday 17th March**.

Yours sincerely

Ms CM Wallace
Headteacher

