



Kirkby High School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The NEU has declared their intention to strike on **Thursday 27th April** and **Tuesday 2nd May**.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions and not because of any issues at our school or within our Trust. The majority of teaching staff at Kirkby High School are members of the NEU and are therefore exercising their right to strike. In some schools, the staff are members of a different teaching union which has not voted for strike action. Because of this, the situation varies from school to school and comparisons cannot be drawn.

- Kirkby High School will be **closed** to students in **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10** on **Thursday 27th April** and **Tuesday 2nd May**. These students will be provided with work to complete for maths, English and science. Your child will be able to access the work through Class Charts using the log in that they use for their homework. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, this will continue during school closure, in accordance with DfE guidance. These arrangements have changed from previous strikes due to the bank holiday on Monday 1st May. Our catering services will prepare a small food parcel for your child, which can be collected from school between 1.15pm and 2pm on Thursday 27th April. This will provide food for two meals and will stay fresh until Tuesday 2nd May. If you would like a small food parcel prepared for your child, please email school at admin@kirkbyhighschool.net by 4pm on Monday 24th April confirming this. If you do not inform school by email, lunch will not be made available for your child
- Kirkby High School will be **open** to students in **Year 11** on **Thursday 27th April** and **Tuesday 2nd May**. Students in Year 11 **must** attend from 8:45am until 2pm. Buses will run as normal in the morning and will pick up students at 2pm. Your child should bring in their revision guides and will attend important lessons to prepare them for their upcoming GCSE exams. We hope students will enjoy the complimentary pizza that we are providing. If your child is entitled to a free school meal and does not like pizza, there will be sandwich meal deals available too. Drinks and sandwiches will also be available to purchase by all.

School will be open as normal for all students on Friday 28th April. A reminder that Monday 1st May is a national bank holiday.

I am sorry about the disruption to you and to your child's education. Thank you for your continued support during this national strike action.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Dobson
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