



7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**National Education Union Strike.**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

Following the ongoing industrial action by the National Education Union and the subsequent information we have received regarding the number of teachers involved in strike action, Minsthorpe Community College has undertaken a risk assessment regarding the **two days** of strike action on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. In the interests of student safety, we have made the decision to close for all students, except for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. This will not affect students' attendance record.

**Remote Education**

Students can access tasks on Satchel: one to complete at home on these dates. This will include knowledge organiser home learning for Year 7 and tasks on SPARX and Educake for Years 8 -11.

There are no public exams taking place on the days of closure.

**Vulnerable children and the children of critical workers**

Vulnerable children and the children of critical workers who wish to attend college will complete the same work as the students learning remotely using our IT facilities. Students will have their normal start and finish times, but will all use the main entrance gate next to The Hub. Students in College must wear their full Minsthorpe uniform. School meals, including free school meals will be provided on these days, but there will be a reduced menu.

If your child is in this group and you want them to attend, please follow the link below and provide the required information:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=j-FdDmACIUC\\_W16UyJc8os\\_Btj8NixPr28cegZhqJhUOExLS0s4N1pVTvY3RFIQV0ZWWWVOWUFWQi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=j-FdDmACIUC_W16UyJc8os_Btj8NixPr28cegZhqJhUOExLS0s4N1pVTvY3RFIQV0ZWWWVOWUFWQi4u)

**Year 10 Parents' Evening – change of date**

In anticipation of this strike action, we have already informed parents/carers of Year 10 students that the planned Parents' Evening has been moved from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March to the new date of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Further information will follow.

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### Communication

Our aim as always is to communicate with parents/carers and students with as much information as possible to give families the maximum time to prepare. We would ask that if there is anything that you are unclear about, please do not hesitate to contact the College through [enquiries@minsthorpe.cc](mailto:enquiries@minsthorpe.cc) or through the School Gateway app.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Gilmore  
Principal

Mrs R Merritt  
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