

# Ballakermeen High School



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Dear Parent/Carer

I wrote to you on Monday regarding the impending NASUWT strike days. In my letter, I outlined that it was a possibility that, should the strikes go ahead, we will be unable to accommodate all students at school.

Unfortunately, and working on the basis that all teachers that could choose to strike, will do so, I regret to have to inform you that I will have to ask that **Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 remain at home on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

Please note that Year 10 who normally attend lessons at **UCM** on a Wednesday morning should continue to do so. They should however make their own way to UCM and make their own way home after their lesson.

The **Sixth Form** will remain open so Key Stage 5 students should come into school. In the situation where a teacher is not striking, lessons will go ahead. For the remainder of the time, students should complete independent study. A staff member will reside in that area of the school to provide supervision.

The school's **Specialist Provision Centre** will also remain open on both days, and students that would normally attend this facility should come into school as normal.

Arrangements will be made for students eligible for **Free School Meals** to collect a packed lunch from the foyer. We will contact the relevant parents/carers in due course to ensure we have the required number of lunches available to collect.

With regards to the provision of work on the days listed above, where applicable, students should either complete ongoing coursework or revision, or they should access their subject specific Google Classrooms. Whilst I would hope that a range of subject specific material will be available for your child to complete, I cannot guarantee this will be the case so two additional classrooms, that contain more generic tasks, can also be accessed using the joining codes listed below:

KS3 materials - **z7lhfao**

KS4 materials - **xd7vydi**

Staff not taking industrial action will be asked to provide work via their specific subject Google Classroom.

I fully appreciate the impact that this will have on our young people and families, and I am genuinely sorry to have to contact you once again with such disappointing news. I assure you that I would not be taking this difficult decision unless it was essential for the safety and wellbeing of our students.

I will keep you updated if there any changes to these arrangements and will communicate to you in the coming weeks regarding the arrangements for 11th and 12th January 2023.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Corrin,  
Head Teacher