



# George Mitchell School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Key dates affecting school opening and/or planned activities

We write to update you on key dates and events affecting the school over the coming weeks.

### 1. Planned strike action at George Mitchell School on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023

The NEU have proposed a further 2 days of industrial action on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. These dates were confirmed by their National Executive on 17th June.

### What will happen at the school during the strike on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023?

- The school will be closed to all students (EYFS – YR10) unless they are a vulnerable student.
- **The parents/carers of vulnerable students will be contacted directly by the school, please do not send your child to school if you have not been contacted.**
- Guidance makes it clear that striking teachers are not asked to set work for their classes to complete on the day of strike. However, secondary phase students are asked to access Seneca learning and MyMaths in order to minimise disruption and further learning loss.

If your child is eligible for free school meals then a packed lunch will be available for them to collect from the primary and secondary school at 12.00pm.

We have tried to give parents and carers as much notice as possible of these circumstances. We appreciate that any closure may be disruptive to you, for which we apologise. We hope that you understand we have not taken these decisions lightly and had to take decisions to secure the health and safety of your child and any non-striking staff in consideration of anticipated heavily reduced numbers of staffing.



## 2. Year 9 Parents Evening

According to calculations, Eid is likely to fall on the 28th or 29th of June 2023. As a result of the holiday, the planned year 9 Parents' evening will now take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Final details about the event will be shared by the Learning leader for year 9.

On behalf of everyone at George Mitchell, I'd like to wish all of our children, parents and families a very happy Eid.

## 3. Other key date changes affected by planned industrial action

**Year 6 Transition day** – moved from the 5th July to the 12th July.

**Primary Tut fest** - moved from the 5th July to the 13th July

**Secondary Sports day** – moved from the 7<sup>th</sup> July to the 14<sup>th</sup> July – the school day will be extended to 2pm.

Yours sincerely



Miss Simmons  
Head teacher

