



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

Dear Parents and Carers

Industrial action by the NEU, Wednesday 1st February 2023.

We wrote to you last week outlining the arrangements for tomorrow, a day of planned industrial action by the NEU. As we explained previously, teachers are not obliged to inform the school whether they intend to take strike action or not. Teachers who are taking action are not setting work for pupils, and those teachers who are in school are not obliged to cover for absent colleagues.

As we said in the letter last week, we understand the impact this action will have on pupils and families, but I must also be respectful of the right of colleagues to take industrial action.

Since my letter last week, it has become clear that the industrial action will be widespread. Although there will be some teachers providing work on ItsLearning this is likely to be limited. I have included some generic materials at the foot of this letter which may help to plug some gaps. Revision resources for Y10 and Y11 will be useful, and I thoroughly recommend pupils of any age switching off their phones and settling down with a good book for an hour. There are some library links below.

If pupils (or parents) face any issues with access to the learning platform, our helpdesk will be available by contacting its@king-james.co.uk.

The school will close to all pupils except those in Years 11, 12 & 13.

Here is a reminder of the arrangements for pupils in Years 11, 12 and 13.

For the **sixth form**, students should arrive at school, register, and then we will be able to advise the available timetable. We appreciate that some sixth form pupils with more difficult transport arrangements may prefer to work from home rather than take the chance on coming into school with no lessons available.

For **Year 11**, there will be study facilities available, and some access to lessons on It'sLearning. These lessons can be accessed from home or school.

Further resources:

Key Stage 3

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv>

<https://classroom.thenationalacademy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-3>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/courses/add?Price=Free&Age+Group=KS3>

Key Stage 4

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-4>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/courses/add?Price=Free&Age+Group=GCSE>
www.quizlet.com

Reading

The library [itsLearning page](#) has lots of ideas and links to competitions and reading books

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>



Families - World Book Day

Welcome to our hub for families. World Book Day is about celebrating books and reading all year round. It's never too early to encourage a love of reading and we hope you find activities and advice here to help you enjoy sharing stories together as a family not just on World Book Day but every day of the year.

www.worldbookday.com

The future dates for planned industrial action are:

- Tuesday 28 February 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: Northern, Northwest, Yorkshire & The Humber.
- Wednesday 15 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales. This is actually already set as a teacher training day at King James's.
- Thursday 16 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.

We may operate differently on the subsequent days of industrial action. I will write to you to let you know.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Carl Sugden'.

Carl Sugden
Headteacher