

24 November 2022

Dear Parents,

I am now able to share with you the final arrangements that will be in place here at Castle Rushen High School during the first two scheduled NASUWT strike days on Wednesday 30 November and Thursday 1 December 2022.

As stated in my previous letter, we have had to make these plans based on a 'worst case scenario' and have had to assume that all teachers that could choose to strike will do.

On that basis, I regret to have to inform you that we will only be able to accommodate some students in school on those days, with most being required to remain at home.

Years 7-10

Students in Year 7, 8, and 9 should remain at home on the two strike days. They should access their learning remotely via the learning platforms below, unless otherwise advised by their individual teachers:

- Maths - MyMaths via <https://www.mymaths.co.uk>
- Literacy – Lexia via <https://www.lexiapowerup.com>
- Science – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p>

As a significant proportion of our teachers may be on strike, there will unfortunately not be subject specific learning activities available for every KS3 and KS4 subject.

Students in Year 10 should also remain at home* and access their learning remotely via the learning platforms below, unless otherwise advised by their individual teachers:

- Option subjects - via <https://www.itslearning.com>, Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams
- Maths - MathsWatch via <https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>
- Science – Seneca via <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
- English – past paper revision using [ps://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/521344-november-2020-insert-paper-11.pdf](https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/521344-november-2020-insert-paper-11.pdf) and <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/521350-november-2020-question-paper-11.pdf>

*Please note that for some students in Year 10, we expect to be able to run very limited lessons in school for a small number of practical/vocational subjects. We will write separately to parents of relevant students about these lessons. As far as we are aware, school buses are running as normal.

Parents may wish to have a look in advance and let us know if there are any remote learning access issues as we may not be able to help next Wednesday/Thursday.

Year 11

Year 11 students should attend the mock exams as shown on their timetable that has been issued. The week beginning 28 November, the first week of the mocks, was designated as a study leave week. Students should only attend the mock exams relevant to them, invigilators and learning

support colleagues will be available as planned. There will be some limited private study facilities in school for Year 11 students who are unable to travel home between their exams. Please contact CRHSEnquiries@sch.im if this would apply to your child.

Sixth Form Students

Year 13 students should attend the published mock exams. Year 12 and Year 13 students should attend those subject lessons which are expected to go ahead. A list of classes will be published by the Sixth Form team. This list will include any collaboration lessons expected to go ahead at our partner schools. Year 12 and Year 13 students may attend school at other times, undertaking independent study. It is important to sign in and out at school reception for fire purposes. If students are intending to have school lunch on Wednesday or Thursday, they should add their name to the relevant list outside the Key Stage 5 office.

Special Provision Centre or 'Unit'

Our Special Provision Centre will be open as usual with all students who attend coming in as normal.

Vulnerable students

We will also be contacting those families of students considered vulnerable and will be offering some on-site provision for them during the strike days.

School Meals

Students in school can access a menu, which will be more limited than usual, at break and lunchtime.

Families with children not in school and eligible for free school meals can collect a cold packed lunch of a sandwich, fruit, drink and snack on strike days via our reception between 12.45pm and 2.00pm. Please let us know if you are likely to collect lunch and if you have any specific dietary requirements by emailing CRHSEnquiries@sch.im

School Buses

As far as we are aware, school buses will be running as normal.

I am aware of the impact these arrangements may have on our young people and their families, but I have been left with no other option given the potential number of teachers that will be on strike.

I would like to thank you yet again for your ongoing patience and support through these difficult times. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us here at school if you have any queries regarding these arrangements.

Yours faithfully



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