



Ref: Letters/029/bd

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

Dear Families

## Re: Strike Action

I hope this letter finds you well.

I informed you back in January of the proposed National Education Union (NEU) and proposed dates whose membership voted to take industrial action in schools across the country. As you are aware, this action will take place in the form of strike action and currently, the remaining 2 strike action days we are aware of are due to take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. Therefore, I am writing to give you as much notice as possible about the likely impact this will have on our school.

The industrial action is a result of a national dispute between the NEU and the government and is not specific to our school nor to United Learning. The overwhelming majority of schools locally and nationally will be impacted but each school will have different arrangements for students due to the number of members of its staff who are likely to strike. We have been working closely with colleagues here in order to plan for the strikes so that we can minimise any disruption to our students' education. A number of colleagues will be taking industrial action and we are thus planning for this accordingly.

### Our view, at present, is that on the proposed strike days:

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023** we will keep school open for Years 7,8 and 11.

**Years 9&10 will be asked to stay at home and access online learning on this day.**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2023** we will keep school open for Years 9, 10 and 11.

**Years 7&8 will be asked to stay at home and access online learning on this day.**

**Year 8 Parents' Evening scheduled to take place Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March has been cancelled and re-arranged to now take place Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.**

### To access online learning, Y7&8 students need to:

1. Log into Microsoft Teams:

[www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/log-in](http://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/log-in)

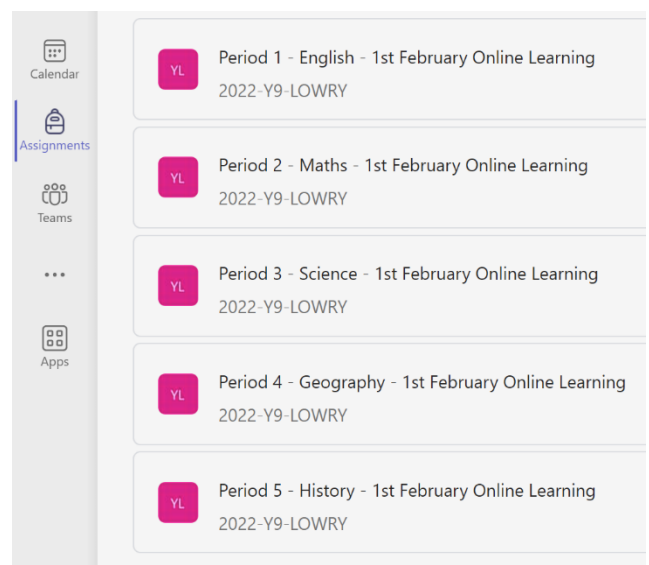
2. Log in using their Lowry email address and password.

Should your child have forgotten their username or password, please email [student.accounts@lowryacademy.org.uk](mailto:student.accounts@lowryacademy.org.uk), and our IT Team will support you.

3. They then need to select "assignments" in the tab on the left. See image to the right

4. They will find assignments for the day: English, Maths, Science, History & Geography.

5. Students should access each assignment throughout the day, and follow the instructions for how to complete their work.



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## **Handing in work:**

To hand in work, students should select the “hand in” button within the assignment, where they can upload their work if they have used a word document, or take a picture of hand-written work they have completed and upload it.

**Helpful guides are available on our school website for using Teams and accessing assignments:**

[The Lowry Academy > Students > Homework & Online Learning](#)

[The Lowry Academy > Students > Remote Learning](#)

For the year groups in school on the strike days, we will do our best to continue with all planned lessons in school, however, it may be necessary to combine some classes in the hall.

I apologise for any potential inconvenience this causes you but we are doing everything we can to minimise the number of pupils who are impacted on by the industrial action. It is unlikely that the industrial action will be called off, but if this were to happen, I will write to you to confirm that the school will be fully open.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please do contact Rosie Aylward – Vice Principal e-mail: [Rosie.Aylward@lowryacademy.org.uk](mailto:Rosie.Aylward@lowryacademy.org.uk) If the industrial action continues beyond the dates already announced, I will write to you again with an update on our plans for dealing with this.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and your child’s education.

Yours faithfully

**Claire Coy**  
**Principal**

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