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# **Re: Strike Action and Remote Learning Arrangements**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am now able to share with you the final plans that will be in place here at Ramsey Grammar School during the two strike days on Wednesday 30th November and Thursday 1st 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 the rest being required to remain at home.

## Special Provision Centres

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

#### Sixth Form Students

All Year 12 and Year 13 students should come to school as normal on both days. For lessons where their teacher is present, they will have their normal lesson. For any lessons where they do not have a teacher present, students will carry out independent study. Collaboration lessons will also go ahead as planned. All three secondary schools that are involved in collaboration are running Sixth Form lessons as normal in person. However, if there is an absence of a member of staff in a collaboration school the students will be asked to study independently; just as they will be at Ramsey Grammar School.

#### <u>Year 11</u>

Year 11 students will remain at home for the two days and have remote learning provided with the following exception; on Wednesday afternoon some Year 11 students have UCM lessons. These lessons will be going ahead as usual and therefore the students involved are asked to come to catch the UCM bus at the usual time outside the East building.

#### All other students

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 should remain at home on the two strike days and plan to access their learning remotely via the remote learning links provided. Students are asked to try and follow their school timetable of lessons. All students have access to Microsoft Teams Year Group pages where remote learning links will be provided in a timetable format. As there will be a significant proportion of our teachers on strike I cannot guarantee that there will be live learning activities available for all subjects on those days. However, we are working tirelessly to ensure the provision is the best we can provide under the circumstances and will also provide Year group-specific generic learning links at the top of these documents to support the students in case of connection issues or staff absence. We are aiming to have this live and on the Year Group Microsoft Teams pages on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of November.

### Access To Remote Learning Links Timetables

If students have any issue accessing Microsoft Teams to view the remote learning links timetable please see this <u>guide</u> located on the school website under the <u>Students Learning Platforms at RGS section</u>. If you do not have a device to access remote learing in your home that your child can use please contact us for support using the RGS Enquiries email listed below.

RGS Enquiries Email – <u>RGSenquiries@sch.im</u>

## Lunch Provision

Sixth Form students on site will be able to access the school canteen at the normal break and lunch times to purchase food. There will be cold packed lunches available for collection for families who are eligible for Free School Meals from the West reception from 1 pm. If families wish to access this provision please let us know via the RGS Enquiries email address by the end of school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

I am fully 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 not be in work on the stated days.

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Kind regards,

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