



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

22nd June 2023

Dear parents/carers

I am writing to update you on various events and plans at Fearnhill over the next few weeks. The first date to note is **Monday 3rd July**. As per the calendar, this is **an INSET day and the school will be closed to students**.

Industrial action

You will be aware from reports in the media that unfortunately the dispute between teachers' unions and the government has not been resolved. Two further strike days have been announced and I am writing to update you on the arrangements at Fearnhill for **Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July**. As explained in my previous letter, the strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over funding levels for schools, teacher recruitment and retention and teachers' pay, not because of any issues at our school.

Here at Fearnhill, the arrangements will be as follows:

- **Years 7-9**

School is closed to these year groups. Students can take the opportunity to work on homework and 'Super Curriculum' projects; details are on the website here: <https://fearnhill.herts.sch.uk/learning/fearnhill-flyers/>

- **Years 10 and 12**

Students in these year groups **should attend school as normal. Year 10 are completing end of year exams which will go ahead as planned**. Timings of the day are as normal. Students will be supervised by senior staff to complete quiet study as needed. The induction programme for our new Year 12 students (those joining us in September) will also go ahead as planned on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July.

- Parents of students who receive free school meals will receive a sign-up form to complete, so that we can prepare lunches to be collected here from school if requested.
- There will be no breakfast, homework or after school clubs running on these days

Fearnhill Sports Day - Thursday 6th July

We have our **Sports Day on Thursday 6th July** and all students should come to school in PE kit on that day.

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Uniform

Thank you for your support during the current spell of hot weather. Looking at the forecast, we will be returning to normal full uniform from next Monday, 26th June. We will keep the situation under review. We are enjoying the many activities that are part of the summer term, but of course learning continues so we ask you to continue to support your child with the right uniform and equipment, as well as ensuring they have a water bottle with them. Attendance remains a top priority as we know it is the most important factor in a student's success at school; thank you for your support with this.

Yours faithfully

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