



Penryn
College

"Achieving through Challenge"

April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

As you may be aware, members of the National Education Union (NEU) are planning strike action for a further two days, the first of which is on **Thursday 27th April** and the second on **Tuesday 2nd May**.

I am writing to inform you of our plans for these days, should they go ahead. We are hoping that an agreement may be reached before these days so we do not have to implement these plans, but this has not been the case to date. **You will receive a text and an e-mail if the situation changes between now and next Thursday.**

On both days, the school will be open for **Year 11** students, who are **all expected to attend**.

Attendance is **optional** for those students who fit one or more of the categories below:

- Children whose parents/carers are critical workers (i.e. NHS workers, teachers) - please note that all parents/carers at home must be critical workers for this to apply.
- ARB students.
- Students who meet the Department for Education 'vulnerable' criteria (e.g. open to social care, have an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP).

Please note that, as before, on these days, scheduled lessons will not take place for any students who attend, and the school will look very different to normal. With limited staff likely to be on site, please can I ask that if your child is in Years 7-10, that they work from home if at all possible.

We ask that all parents/carers of Year 7-10 students whose children fit into one of the above three categories complete the form using the link below, **AND ONLY IF THEY WOULD LIKE THEIR CHILD TO ATTEND ON THESE DAYS**. This will give us a record of who is due to be in school. If you are happy for your child to work at home on these days, there is no need to use the link or let us know. We will only expect those students to be in school who have signed up for places. **Please can we ask that you complete this form by 4.00pm on Monday 24th April so we can plan the staffing accordingly.**

Link: <https://home.penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk/local/rynbook/keyworker.html>

All students who do not attend school on these days should use their time to:

- Revise
- Complete any work on Showbie
- Catch up on any missing classwork or homework
- Read
- Supplement their learning across a range of subjects using various programmes available on their iPads
- Do some extended reading around some of their subjects. There is a wealth of information on the green sheets in their books which can be used for extended study.



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For these days, those students entitled to free school meals who do not attend school will be sent one £5.00 voucher.

Please note that buses will run as normal on these days for Year 11 students and those pupils who need to attend. The canteen will also be open for business. There will be no Breakfast Club or any extra-curricular clubs available.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding these two days of strike action.

Thank you for your support during this time. As always, it is truly valued.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tamsin Schouten', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tamsin Schouten
Headteacher