

July 4th 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Strike on Thursday 10th July

There is a national strike on 10th July. We have a large number of teachers on strike and will not be able to run the following classes. SPR, year 10, 8LJ and 9MM.

The only pupils in school will be all of year 7, 8IA, LDW and 9HB.

I am sorry to inconvenience the parents of the children who will have to stay at home.

Homework- Additional Learning

I am very worried about the number of parents who are not happy with homework. It continues to be an issue and I have been thinking about what to do about this.

We set homework for Maths, English, Science and Humanities. Teachers keep a check of when they set work and which pupils return it on time. If a pupil returns the work they get 10 merits.

We have been making sure pupils complete homework by asking teachers to refer them for detention if the work is not handed in. We have been taking the work out of the bags of some children who don't hand it in. We have been posting work home when pupils have refused to take it home or complete it in school. Even after all these efforts parents still have concerns so this is the reason why we will give three choices and find out what would suit parents best.

I have therefore attached a survey with this letter to ask what parents expect of their children in regards of completing homework. I'm going to suggest three homework options to cover all the different issues we are facing.

Please think about the options, then complete and return the survey to school.

Have a good weekend

Desi Lodge Patch

Important dates

Monday 14th July	Summer Concert at 1.30pm- Parents welcome
Friday 18th July	Leavers assembly at 9 am- Parents welcome Sports day at 10.30am. Last day of the school year

Wednesday 3rd September	First day of autumn term Year 7
Thursday 4th September	Whole school

Homework Survey

Please tick one of the following, then return to school office as soon as possible.

<p>1. Teachers set homework on a specific day and set a date for it to be returned.</p> <p>This would be for our pupils who can manage the organisation of taking the work home in a folder and bringing it back to school and handing it in to the teacher. The work is levelled and pupils may need supervision.</p>	
<p>2. We send home a booklet of homework via the transport escort. Pupils complete their homework at home and then return to school when it is complete and hand to the office via the escort.</p> <p>The booklets would be based on a unit of work and set at the level the pupil is working at. Pupils may need supervision at home.</p>	
<p>1. Home work is set by the teacher and completed by pupils at school in Homework/ additional learning clubs.</p> <p>School would make sure that the work is completed and handed back to teachers to mark.</p>	