

Friday 24 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to let you know that Astrea Academy Dearne will be **partially closed** on **Tuesday 28 February 2023** in anticipation of strike action being taken by the NEU. We have considered every alternative to closure and have tried to maximise the number of students we can safely accommodate in the school. This means we will be open for the following groups of students only on this day:

Expected to Attend School	Remote learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Year 11 students All Athena students All Eleos students All Synergy students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 students Year 8 students Year 9 students Year 10 students

Students who are in school on Tuesday 28 February

Y11 students

It is really important that students in **Year 11** attend school on this day. Year 11 have been prioritised to minimise the disruption to their learning given the closeness to their GCSE examinations and in addition, the Year 11 mock examinations which are currently taking place. All students will be sitting the maths exam on Tuesday morning and some students the RE exam in the afternoon. Those not in the exam will be in exam preparation sessions.

Following the maths exam, we would like to offer all Y11 students one of two options, which they will select from on Friday. During lesson 3, students will have an opportunity to take part in a PE session and will need to bring their PE kits if they wish to do so. Alternatively, students can use the time to continue their revision for upcoming mock examinations.

For students who are attending school on 28 February, there will be a delayed start to the day. Please ensure that your child arrives by **8:50 am** in order to be on time for morning line up and the maths exam prep session. Following this the students will be sitting their maths mock GCSE exam.

School starts (morning address, Y11 prep session)	8.50am
Lesson 1	8:50-9:55am
Lesson 2	9:55-11:00am
Break	11:00-11:15am
Lesson 3	11:15-12:20pm
Lunch	12:20-12:50pm
Lesson 4	12:50-1:55pm
Lesson 5	1:55-3:00pm

Eleos, Synergy and Athena Students

Like the last strike day, the timings of the school day for students in these provisions will be as follows and students will follow their normal school day

	Synergy	Athena	Eleos	
Start of school day	9:00am	8.30am	9:30	
Ending of school day	2:30pm	3:00pm	1:55	

Students who are completing remote learning

Students in year groups affected by the closure will be provided with a personalised remote learning plan that provides details of how they will access their learning. We are intending to provide a range of both online learning and paper based learning to allow students to access an appropriate balance of activities over the course of the day. If your child is unable to access any online learning activities, please contact the relevant Head of Year (contact details are provided below) by the end of Friday 24 February.

A small number of students have been identified as exceptions to this closure owing to their particular circumstances. You will be contacted individually if your child is one of these.

I am sorry for the disruption and concern that this decision will cause. Please be assured that we have considered every alternative to closure and have tried to maximise the number of students we can safely accommodate in the school. We do, however, need to maintain staffing levels that enable effective supervision and education of students. Unfortunately, we were unable to maintain these at a high enough level for all students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the relevant Head of Year in the first instance:

Year group / Provision	Head of Year	Email address
Year 7	Mr Simon	Terry.Simon@astreadearne.org
	Miss Myers	Lauren.Myers@astreadearne.org
Year 8	Mrs Child	Kay.Child@astreadearne.org
	Mr Atkinson	Colm.Atkinson@astreadearne.org
Year 9	Miss Simpson	Emma.Simpson@astreadearne.org
	Mr Bagnall	Thomas.Bagnall@astreadearne.org
Year 10	Mrs Ellis	Colette.Ellis@astreadearne.org
	Mrs Stork	Jessica.Stork@astreadearne.org
Year 11	Miss Cleary	Jessica.Cleary@astreadearne.org
	Mr Hazard	Christopher.Hazard@astreadearne.org
Athena	Mrs Parr	Michelle.Parr@astreadearne.org
	Mr Bull	Andrew.Bull@astreadearne.org
Eleos	Mr Hesford	Danny.Hesford@astreadearne.org
	Mr Fowler	Leonard.Fowler@astreadearne.org
Synergy	Mrs Parr	Michelle.Parr@astreadearne.org
	Mr Bull	Andrew.Bull@astreadearne.org

Yours faithfully



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