

Monday 6th March 2023

Dear parents/carers

Re: Strike Day, Comic Relief, Ramadan and Eid

Strike Day

You will be aware that due to an ongoing dispute around teacher and support staff pay as well as school funding, that the National Education Union are proposing two further days of strike action on the 15th and 16th of March. The government have offered a pay deal, asking the union(s) to suspend strike action, and although negotiations are ongoing as it stands the two proposed strikes are going ahead. This letter is to inform you that if the strike action goes ahead, I will close the school to most pupils, based on our risk assessment of how safe it would be to open the school.

The school will remain open to a very small number of students, and you will be notified if your child is being offered a place. Be assured this is a very small number of pupils, who will be safe and well supported through the day.

If your child receives a free school meal and you would like this to be available to them on 15th and 16th of March, please ensure you click this link and fill in this form, so we are able to make the correct number of packed lunches. This link will be available until Sunday 12th March at 8:00 pm. <https://forms.office.com/e/y5iDSpivFk>

As a staff body, we also feel it is important for year 11 to continue their preparation towards their end of year exams. For this reason, we will continue to run our mock exam programme. Our exams are invigilated by trained, independent invigilators and running the exams will not undermine our colleagues.

Online work, that has been prepared by our leadership team, will be accessible via Edulink for those students who would like to work at home independently, however, please note this work will not be marked nor is there an expectation/consequence for students who do not engage with the work.

Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

On a different note, you will be aware that March is synonymous with Comic Relief and Red Nose Day. This year for the Red Nose Appeal we will be holding a non-school uniform on Friday 17th March. Parents will be able to make contributions of £1 via ParentPay with 100% of all money raised going directly to Comic Relief. Whilst there is no expectation on students to come wearing their own clothes, it would be lovely to see children wearing red or the Mr Men T-Shirts which are available from Primark and again all funds are going to comic relief.

We will also endeavour to sell Red Noses in the school and I will advise you of the amount payable by cash.

Ramadan and Eid

As you may recall we hosted our very first community festival back in October, the 'Stronger Together Community Festival'. We would like to invite you to our very first 'Stronger Together community Iftar', which we will hold on Friday 31st March. This event will allow us to celebrate the opening of fast with the families in our community who will be fasting in the month of Ramadan. Linked to this and based on our student voice we will also be holding an in-school Eid party on Friday 28th April. We will use these 2 events to help raise funds for those families and communities affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

End of term newsletter

You will be able to read about QB celebrating World book day, careers week, Ramadan and Eid in our end of term parent newsletter that will be sent out before the end of term. All parent letters can be found here:

<https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/parents/letters-home>

Teacher Training Day

Please visit our website for term dates and events. Please note our next Teacher Training Day, is Friday 31st March. <https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/calendar>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

We know that circumstances for anyone can change at any time. If you have found that your personal circumstances have changed, it is always worth taking time to check if you are entitled to more support by using the link below. If you need any support or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us

You can check your eligibility for Free School Meals by clicking here:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

Parent pay

Parent Pay is used to pay for all items in school: dinner money, trips, revision guides, charity collections. ParentPay is activated with a letter that can be obtained from finance: finance@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk

Parent Pay information can be found here: <https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/>

EduLink

Reminder EduLink is an online platform for all students, staff and parents that provides you with all school communication regarding letters, homework, attendance, reporting and recognition. Thank you to the many parents that have

activated their account, may I encourage you to do this by clicking the link <https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/parents/edulink> this will take you straight to the Edulink login page for Queensbridge School.

Thank you for your continued support, if you have any questions, please email enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' shape with a horizontal line crossing it.

Mr H Singh
Headteacher