

Thursday 20th April 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Teacher Strikes

Over the Easter holiday, two further teacher strike days were announced – Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. So far, we have managed to keep the school fully open during the strikes, but it is likely that one or possibly two year groups will be at home during these upcoming days. It goes without saying that Year 11 and Year 13 will be in school; I will write with details of affected year groups by the end of the day on Monday 24th April. Students asked to remain at home will be emailed with suggested tasks to work through during the day.

Extending the school day

The DfE (Department for Education) has set out a new minimum expectation for how long schools should be open to their students. Over a week, we currently fall 50 minutes (10 minutes per day) below this new expectation. It is the school's intention to move our end of day from 2.50pm to 3.00pm from September 1st. We are currently deciding where to best utilise these extra 10 minutes and I will send out details to parents once the decision has been made by the school governors. As most of our students walk to school, and those who need to collect siblings from Edge Hill or River View will still have plenty of time, I don't foresee a problem with the later finish time. I know that a small number of our students use service buses as they live further afield so I would be interested to hear from any parent who feels the extra 10 minutes will be difficult. Please email headteacherPA@phs.jtmat.co.uk if you would like to give me your thoughts by Tuesday 25th April.

Drinks bottles

Just a reminder that we only allow rigid plastic or aluminium bottles in school. Students should have one of these so they can refill them during the day from one of our numerous water dispensers. Please support us with this by ensuring your child does not bring a single use plastic water bottle to school.



Kind regards,



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