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Dear Parent/Carer

**Important information regarding industrial action: Thursday 16th March 2023**  
**Arrangements for students in Year 7, 9 & 10**

After having reviewed the possible impact of the national teaching staff strike on Thursday 16th March, the decision has been taken to move all Year 7, 9 and 10 lessons to online learning at home **on this day only**.

This will allow us to ensure our resources onsite can be prioritised to vulnerable children, the children of critical workers and those in public examination year groups.

### **Vulnerable Children & Critical Worker Provision**

This provision is prioritised for:

- SEND K and EHCP
- Looked After and previously Looked After
- Those with the support of a social worker or social care services
- Those who access our Wellbeing Centres or alternative pathways
- Those whose parent/carer are identified as critical workers (see end of letter)
- Young carers
- Otherwise defined as vulnerable
- Those unable to access online learning at home

Students will be able to access their online learning onsite and will be expected to complete their usual full school day.

If your child is eligible and you would like to book a space, please click on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/MV8d2ZT0cY>

This link will be available until 7am on Thursday 16th March.

### **Online Lessons**

We will run a full day of lessons online for students who do not attend our vulnerable children & critical worker provision on this day. If your child is unable to access online lessons at home, please click on the link to reserve a place in our onsite provision:

<https://forms.office.com/e/MV8d2ZT0cY>

It is expected that all students access a full day of learning on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

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### **Lunch Time Provision**

All students will be able to access a free hot meal onsite during their usual lunchtime. To be able to access this, students must arrive in full uniform and report to reception during their lunch period.

Year 7 Lunch: 1:30-2pm, Lower Academy

Year 10 Lunch: 12:30-1pm, Upper Academy

Year 8 Lunch: 1-1:30pm, Lower Academy

Thank you for your support. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our reception teams via the contact us page on the website:

[The Basildon Upper Academy - Contact Us](#)

[The Basildon Lower Academy - Contact Us](#)



April Gurney  
Headteacher

### **Critical Workers**

Critical workers are defined as those in the following sectors:

**Health and Social Care** - This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

**Education and Childcare** - This includes: childcare, support and teaching staff, social workers, specialist education professionals who must remain active during an emergency response to deliver this approach

**Key Public Services** - This includes: those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services. those responsible for the management of the deceased, journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

**Local and national government** - This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of: an emergency response, essential public services, such as the payment of benefits including in government agencies and Arm's length bodies (ALB).

**Food and other necessary goods** - This includes those involved in food: production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery, as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

**Public safety and national security** - This includes: police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to an emergency response), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

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**Transport** - This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during an emergency response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass

**Utilities, communication and financial services** - This includes: staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity, and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during an emergency response, key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers, waste disposal sectors