



Explore, Learn and Grow Together

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing with a quick update at the start of this half term. Firstly, to update you on the planned industrial action this month affecting Glendale Middle School. I am sending this message to all parents and carers across Wooler First and Glendale Middle Schools so everyone is kept up-to-date. The first planned strike day is this Thursday (6th June) and as previously communicated it will have an impact on our school. I have been informed that the Local Authority are meeting with Unions on Wednesday and will brief me following this meeting. I will then be able to update everyone on expectations for Thursday. At present should the strike action go ahead the impact on Glendale Middle School will be as follows:

Thursday 6th June – Partial closure of GMS. Open to Year 5 & Year 6 but closed to Year 7 & 8.

Tuesday 11th June – Partial closure of GMS. Open to Year 7 only for their climbing trip to Newcastle.

Thursday 13th June – Partial closure of GMS. Open to Year 5 only for their climbing trip to Newcastle.

Tuesday 18th June – School closed to all year groups at GMS.

Wednesday 19th June – School closed to all year groups at GMS.

Thursday 20th June – Partial closure of GMS. Open to Year 5 & Year 6 only but closed to Year 7 & Year 8.

I hope that the Local Authority and Unions will be able to resolve the dispute and that strike action can be avoided. Please keep an eye on your inbox for updates over the coming days.

On better news I received the final report letter from OFSTEd yesterday from the inspection of Glendale last half term. This is a very positive report and I would like to thank all of my colleagues, our governors and volunteers and everyone involved with our schools for their continued hard work and dedication. We have all been through a lot since the last inspection in 2018 and continue to be challenged by the changes now being implemented in the reorganisation. It is a testament to both schools that we continue to be judged as good schools. We hope you will enjoy reading and sharing the report at home.

Events this week:

Tuesday 4th June – **WFS Sean Simpson memorial football at Belford (Yr4 am)** & **GMS Yr5 rivers sessions (in school)**.

Wednesday 5th June – **WFS 5YO dental survey (am)**, **GMS Yr5 rivers session day trip at River Beamish** & **GMS Area Athletics at Berwick Middle**.

Thursday 6th June – **WFS countryside Day at Wooler Show field**.

Friday 7th June – **WFS Annual sponsored walk & joint WFS/GMS non-uniform (raffle prizes for summer fair)**.

Kind regards

Mr D-H