

LATHOM HIGH SCHOOL



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Acting Headteacher: Mrs J Galbraith

8 March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, there was a planned 'Student Strike' on Friday 15 February in support of a campaign and strike for Climate Change which was organised across the country.

I am keen to support any Lathom student who feels so passionately about the environment that they wish to go on strike and campaign publicly. I also wish to support their democratic right to protest and stand up for what they believe in. Unfortunately, a significant number of the students who went out on strike from Lathom did not join an organised demonstration or protest such as those seen in Liverpool, but instead took an extra half day's half term holiday and spent it in McDonalds at the Concourse!

As a school we will also be preparing for the next planned Student Strike day scheduled for Friday 15 March, which coincides with Comic Relief. We will be running a series of educational activities and workshops about the environment and climate change to help improve and deepen students' knowledge of the issues facing us all.

I know that many parents were unaware of the strike/walk out of school on Friday 15 February and I am fully aware that your son/daughter was not involved. To avoid disruption to the school community, I am asking that any parent writes to me at school should they wish to give their child permission to take strike action on Friday 15 March. Please be aware that without such a letter it will be expected that students will be in school for the full day. I would like to make it clear that any such letter would be giving permission for absence from school for the full school day, not as a 'walk out' during the day.

Any letter requesting permission to strike must be sent into school by **Wednesday 13 March 2019**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J.M Galbraith
Headteacher

