



19th September 2019

Dear Parent or Carer

Proposed Action Youth4Climate 20th September 2019

You may already be aware of plans for a further national school strike to raise awareness around climate change, planned for tomorrow, 20th of September.

Parents and carers with us last academic year will remember that whilst climate change is a hugely important issue for us all, as a school our primary concerns are ensuring safety, good attendance and education. With regard to this, I would again ask parents and carers to note the following:

Student absence to attend the proposed actions on Friday **will be unauthorised**. This decision has been taken in line with guidance from professional associations.

Student safety is our absolute priority and therefore we cannot allow students to leave the school site during the school day or not be in their usual lessons. We as a College are accountable for the health, safety and welfare of students during term time and during the school day.

Whilst on previous occasions we have been able to facilitate sessions for students to work specifically on climate issues in school on this day, we are not able to offer it on this occasion. I would be happy to look at this in future should parents and carers request it.

I hope as a community parents and carers will recognise that we have to accommodate a range of feelings on this issue, and that our approach reflects our key statutory responsibilities around good education, good attendance and student safety.

Yours sincerely

Alan Salt
Principal