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IMPORTANT NOTICE OF PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE

on Wednesday 1st February 2023 due to NEU Teachers' Union Industrial Action

Dear Parent / Carers,

You will have heard in the national media that industrial strike action has been announced by the National Education Union (NEU) who represent teachers and lecturers.

Four strike days are being held by teachers across our region in protest of pay and associated funding for schools.

The first will take place next week on **Wednesday 1st February 2023**.

Subsequent strike days have been announced on:

- Wednesday 1st March 2023 (Strike Day 2)
- Wednesday 15th March 2023 (Strike Day 3)
- Thursday 16th March 2023 (Strike Day 4)

This letter relates to plans we will have in place for next Wednesday, 1st February 2023.

The safety of students is paramount and the reduced capacity to appropriately staff lessons and supervise students means that **I have taken the decision, in line with advice from the Department for Education, to partially close the school next Wednesday.**

Year 7, 11 and Sixth Formers

The school will remain **open** for these students. This is due to Year 7s being the youngest and more vulnerable and Year 11 and Sixth Formers having the least time left between now and their examinations and needing every lesson available for preparation and study.

Vulnerable learners in all years

For vulnerable learners (those with EHCPs or children in care) the school will also remain **open**.

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Year 8, 9 & 10 students

Students in Year 8, 9 and 10 will not be in school but will be set remote online learning tasks. Students will be given guidance between now and Tuesday so they know how to access and complete this work.

If you have a child in Year 8, 9 or 10 who does not have access to an internet-based device to complete work remotely, please let us know via this [form](#) and study packs will be given to them on Tuesday.

Children of critical workers

If you are a critical worker of a Year 8, 9 or 10 students and feel your child needs to be in school to be supervised with their online learning, please let us know via this [form](#).

Is it an optional day for Year 7, Year 11 or Sixth Form students to come in?

Unless we inform you that we have had to change arrangement, due to further staffing restrictions, then these students should be in school unless they are unwell.

Should students in school wear uniform on Wednesday?

Students in Year 7, 11 and any vulnerable students or children of critical workers should come into school in normal school uniform.

What if my child is learning remotely and receives Free School Meals?

We will be arranging for a voucher pay-back to be given to affected students after the strike day so their eligibility for support is not affected.

Will there be any changes to these plans?

Thank you for your patience awaiting this information. Whilst I hope there will not be necessity to alter these arrangements, given the scale and impact of the strikes on our school and other schools, I will contact you as soon as possible should anything need to change.

Can I thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Barber
Headteacher