

January 2023

**NEU Strike Action, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I have been informed by NEU members that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a strike on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. This action is not against the school itself but is part of national industrial action organised by these trades unions about pay, workload and school funding.

Under trade union law, staff are not required to tell me of their intention to strike and furthermore, I am not allowed to direct non-striking staff to cover for striking colleagues. Based on the information that I have received, it will not be possible to operate as normal on that day. This decision is based on safety grounds, as there will not be enough staff to supervise the students.

**Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 students should stay at home on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.** We will write again with some suggested activities that your child can do.

**Year 11 students will have some lessons in school.** Exact times will be confirmed in another letter when timetables have been finalised.

I understand that this will be a great inconvenience to many of you, but is unavoidable.

If your child is in Years 7-10, and is normally in receipt of a free school meal, you can order a packed lunch for collection by completing this [form](#). The meal will then be ready to collect between 11.00am and 12.00pm on the day.

We must all hope that the issues over which the industrial action has arisen are resolved as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



J Mellor  
Executive Headteacher