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## PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE ON WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY

Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware from media coverage that industrial action by workers in many different jobs has been organised by trade unions. Members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action. These strikes will take place on 1 & 28 February, and the 15 & 16 March 2023. The strikes are happening in result of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and funding, and not because of any issues at our school or Trust.

## Wednesday 1 February

Unfortunately, we will have to ask students in Years 7 - 11 to learn from home on Wednesday 1 February, as we have insufficient staffing levels due to strike action. Work will be provided via Google Classroom and Hegarty Maths. However, Years 12 and 13 should attend school as normal on this day. This is not a decision we take lightly but the safety of our pupils is paramount.

Those pupils in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch. We will be in touch with all parents of children in receipt of free school meals with further detail of this provision in due course.

## **Further Strike Days**

We will be in touch in advance of each of the strike days with information regarding full or partial closures to year groups within our school.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any potential disruption caused. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Ritchie Acting Head of School



