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Dear Parent/Carer

Unfortunately, the school will have to close on **Thursday 2nd March** for all learners in **Year 7, 8, 9 & 11** due to the possible numbers of staff taking part in the National Education Union (NEU) strike. Teaching staff on site will be providing online work for their classes on that day using our normal platforms.

For learners on site in Year 10, 12 & 13, supervised independent study will be in place where their teacher is not available. Year 10 Pre Public Exams will continue as per the timetable issued by Mrs Leyshon.

Normal transport arrangement will be in place for learners in Year 10, 12 & 13.

You will receive further communication from us via ClassCharts if your child is in receipt of free school meals and not due to be in school on the 2nd March.

I am very sorry that parents and pupils are being inconvenienced in this way. I hope that the government and the trade unions can resolve the situation before the next planned strike days on the 2nd March, 15th March and 16th March 2023. We will keep you updated via ClassCharts, and the school website.

Clearly this is a difficult situation which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. A national strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

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Mrs Morgans Headteacher

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