

31 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 01 February, 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the union and the Secretary of State for Education over pay and school funding.

I am sorry to inform you that the School will be closed on Wednesday 01 February, 2023.

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available.

A small number of vulnerable students have been invited on site already. Furthermore, selected students from Year 11, 12 and 13 will be informed that they will need to attend as appropriate staff will be available. Parent/Carers will be contacted by text if their child is affected.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and for the disruption to their education. I understand that this situation will be frustrating and the School will endeavour to keep you informed on arrangements for further planned industrial action in March.

Yours faithfully

M O'Hagan

Deputy Headteacher