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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the NEU strike action on 1st February, we have completed a further risk assessment and are sorry to advise you that we have no choice but to partially close again on Tuesday 28th February 2023.

As mentioned previously, our priority is to ensure the school can operate safely and although we have a better understanding of anticipated staff absence this time, we will not know exactly how many teachers we have on site until the actual day. Furthermore, we are mindful that staff not taking strike action may have children at other schools who are affected by strike action, which may result in additional staff absence. The school will therefore remain open for **Year 11, Year 10 and Year 7 pupils only** on Tuesday 28th February.

In order to accommodate more pupils than the previous strike day, we will need to change the lunchtime for year 10 pupils. On this day only, Year 10 pupils will have lunch at 12.35pm until 1.15pm. To confirm, the usual school transport arrangements will be in place. However, school clubs will be cancelled. On the day, pupils will attend form time and lessons as normal and if a teacher is absent, pupils will be taught, where possible, by a senior member of staff.

For all pupils in Years 8 and 9, we will share further details at the start of next week with information and links to online work that pupils are able to complete at home. Please note that pupils who would normally receive a free school meal will receive a top up of £3 to their free school meal voucher that will be provided for the half term break.

We are sorry for any disruption this may cause.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

Michaela Blackledge
Headteacher



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