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Principal Alan Salt

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Partial Closure for Industrial Action Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

I hope this finds you well. As you will know from my letter earlier this week, the National Education Union (NEU) have called for their teaching members to strike this coming Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 and other dates in March.

This week we have looked at planning and been in dialogue with staff so we can ensure safety in school during this period.

As a result of this, we are taking the decision to **close the school to some year groups on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.**

At this stage we cannot be certain how many staff will be exercising their right to strike on this day, and by making this choice we are confident we can keep students who attend safe at school with appropriate staffing ratios.

**Year 7, Year 8, Year 11 and all post-16 students** should attend school as usual on Wednesday.  
**All Year 9 and Year 10 students\*** should remain at home.

\*We would like to offer places to both our **vulnerable students and those students with a key worker parent or carer in Years 9 and 10.**

If the above applies to you, please use the link or QR code below to complete a short form no later than **12pm on Monday 30 January.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/PK8PwjBkZw>



For students affected by the partial closure, we will do our best to set suitable work via Broncom. However, some classes may not have work set if their teacher is taking industrial action.

We are pleased the partial closure will not affect the opening night of our show, "Grease". Tickets are available here! <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/totnes/ariel-theatre-kevicc/grease-wednesday-night/ekqdm>

I will of course be in touch again with arrangements for other days when there is planned industrial action (2<sup>nd</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2023).

Please remember we have our next **online Q and A on Monday 30 January at 5.30pm.** via the teams link below.

[teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19:meeting\\_ODdIMWM0MDktNDVhMC00OGM3LTk5NmEtYzg4NDg5MTA1MTU2@thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22:%220c36f116-41e2-4d31-a0d6-699ae4627098%22,%22Oid%22:%2247d021a7-f7f8-4ca4-b37f-980e42bca45d%22%7D](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19:meeting_ODdIMWM0MDktNDVhMC00OGM3LTk5NmEtYzg4NDg5MTA1MTU2@thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22:%220c36f116-41e2-4d31-a0d6-699ae4627098%22,%22Oid%22:%2247d021a7-f7f8-4ca4-b37f-980e42bca45d%22%7D)

Thank you for your understanding at this time. It has been very heartening to see that all members of our school community have understood that this action relates to a dispute between the trade union and the government over national pay and conditions, and that it should not divide students, parents and carers, and hard-working teachers and support staff.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Salt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alan Salt  
Principal