



Hebburn Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent/Carer

As a follow-up to my email last week, I am writing to provide an update on the school's position regarding the NEU's industrial action on the 1 February.

Unfortunately, Hebburn Comprehensive will be closed to all pupils on 1 February 2023, with the exception of a small cohort of Year 11 pupils sitting the ICT exam (please see details below). This is not a decision that has been taken lightly, but the health and safety of pupils must come first. Over half of our staff are members of the NEU, so we are unable to guarantee that we can maintain a safe environment for our pupils.

As mentioned in my previous letter, we recognise and respect the right of our staff to take lawful industrial action and, again, I ask all members of our school community to continue to treat everyone with respect.

As stated above, the external Year 11 ICT examination will be going ahead, as this involves only a very small cohort of pupils. Pupils sitting the exam should report to the school's main reception for 8.45am. Pupils will return home after the exam. If, for any reason, your child is unable to attend, you must notify the school. As is normally the case, this will be supervised by external invigilators.

I will be sending out a further letter early next week to advise you of the work your child will be expected to do on 1 February. Teachers taking lawful industrial action cannot be expected to set work and others cannot be expected to do it on their behalf, so activities will focus on skills and consolidation, using online platforms.

Although the school is closed to all pupils on the day, we are able to offer a reduced hot meals service, between 12.30pm and 1.00pm. This will be in the form of a hot grab bag like we had in place at the end of the Autumn Term. This will be priced at £2.20. Pupils in receipt of free school meals will have this debited from their account.

- You will receive text message on Monday morning, with a link to a form, asking if your child will be in for their lunch on the 1st. This is to support the catering team with ordering and preparing the right amount of food.
- If your child is coming in for lunch, they must be in full school uniform. Pupils will be supervised by members of the school's senior leadership team. Pupils must remain on site for the duration of the lunch period, i.e., 30 minutes.



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I realise that the disruption may be frustrating for families, but I can assure you that everyone at the school remains absolutely committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for our pupils and delivering an excellent standard of education.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DM' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr D R Thompson
Head Teacher