



Hebburn Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to provide an update on the school's position regarding the NEU's planned industrial action on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March.

Hebburn Comprehensive will be closed to pupils in Years 7 – 10 that day. We will be open to pupils in Year 11 for GCSE study. This is not a decision that has been taken lightly; however, over half of our staff are members of the NEU, so we are unable to open fully.

As previously communicated, 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.

Pupils in Year 11 should report to their normal entry point for 8.40am, in full school uniform. Pupils will return home at 2.30pm. If, for any reason, your child is unable to attend, you must notify the school following the normal absence procedures. Whilst normal lessons will not run on the day, pupils will be able to catch up on work and use the time for revision and exam preparation.

Whilst the school will be closed to the majority of pupils, 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 priced at £2.20. Pupils in receipt of free school meals will have this debited from their account. If your child is coming in for lunch, they must be in full school uniform. Pupils coming into school for lunch must remain on site for the duration of the lunch period, i.e., 30 minutes.

Mr Cleugh will send a separate email with details of the remote learning that pupils can access on the day.

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 the highest standard of education for our pupils.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr D R Thompson
Head Teacher



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