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26 January, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to my letter of 20th January 2023, the National Education Union has declared strike action, which will take place on:

- **Wednesday 1st, February 2023**

The Sixth Form Futures Evening will go ahead as previously advertised

I'm sorry to inform you that Haydon School will be closed on 1st February 2023. We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day unless you have been contacted directly by the school. We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students, and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available. I have consulted with the Senior Leadership Team and Chair of Governors before making this decision.

Teachers who are not striking will deliver live lessons to students in the same way that we did during COVID, using Google Meet. In order to attend lessons, your child will need to have access to a web enabled device, with a camera and microphone, preferably a computer or tablet rather than a phone, and be able to access Google Meet. If your child's teacher is not striking, they will send a Google Meet code for their lesson in Satchel by 8:30 on Wednesday morning. This is what the [invite](#) will look like in satchel. Live lessons will follow the normal timetable for the day, so if your child has English P1, they will be sent a code for that lesson by their teacher and will be expected to log into the lesson by 8:40. Live lessons will last no more than 50 minutes to ensure that students can have a break in between lessons. Teachers will be registering students for lessons in the normal way.

If your child's teacher is striking they will not set a code for the lesson. If this is the case, your child should engage in subject related independent work using materials already available in their subject specific google classroom. We will also signpost each year's group to resources to support independent learning at home via satchel.



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All students will be sent the [Student Code of Conduct for Remote Learning](#), can you please ensure they are aware of these expectations.

I fully understand that there are concerns about lost learning opportunities on the day and in addition I appreciate the action will cause disruption for families. I apologise in advance for the inconvenience caused. However, in making this decision I have had to take the safety of the school site with limited staff numbers into account. In addition to 1 February there are three more strike days planned by the NEU, these are 2 March, 15 March and 16 March. I will keep you informed of the possible impact on these days closer to the time.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

Yours sincerely,

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