



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

PDR/JDN

26 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to my letter yesterday, we have now established the impact the industrial action by the NEU will have on school, next Wednesday, 1 February 2023.

We have looked at various models with the hope that we could keep the school open, but unfortunately, there are too many unknowns to ensure a safe and meaningful experience for our students and as such I am informing you school will be closed next Wednesday to the bulk of students. We do understand the disappointment for parents and students but hope you understand we have done our best to mitigate the situation and the strike is against the government's stance and not against the school.

The following points are important and I urge you to consider them carefully:

1. The Y8 holocaust trip, involving classes 8.4 and 8.6 only, will go ahead as planned. Once these students have returned from the trip, around lunchtime, they will stay in school and be supervised by the cover team.
2. Parents of students in year 7 and year 8 who have insurmountable childcare difficulties will be invited to send their children to school. These students will be supervised by the cover team. This is to support parents of younger children who may not be comfortable staying at home unsupervised. If you need to send your child to school on this day, please inform us by completing the following form <https://forms.office.com/e/NuPkKMhTp3> Students who are attending school will be expected to make their own arrangements for transport to and from school and check their provider is running a normal service.
3. Students in receipt FSM will be provided with a voucher which will be sent directly to parents.
4. Students will be expected to work on topics they are currently studying and further advice on this will be communicated separately.
5. Post 16 interviews for year 11 students already scheduled for Wednesday evening, will go ahead as planned.
6. HPV vaccinations for y8 students will be rearranged.

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I do thank you for your understanding in this matter and as we have done during numerous difficult times in the last few years, I'm sure we will all work together to make the best of the situation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Peter Roberts

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