



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

25 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may know the teacher union NEU has voted to take strike action on Wednesday 1st February 2023. This strike action is in protest over teachers' pay at a national level, not against Crestwood individually as an employer. This is the first of four intended strike days.

The others are -

2nd March 2023 - Year 11 Parents' Evening will be rescheduled

15th and 16th March 2023 - Year 9 Exam Week will be rescheduled

Teachers do not have to indicate their intention to strike to their employer beforehand, by law, so we may not find out until the day that staff are taking legitimate strike action. However, many staff have already indicated they will not be in school this day, choosing to exercise their right to strike. By law, staff who are not striking cannot cover for those who are, therefore providing any education for these students is difficult.

I am afraid we therefore have no option but to close on Wednesday 1st February for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Year 11 students are still to attend their mock exams on this day.

- **The exam for Maths will commence at 10.00am so students need to be in school for 9.45am and proceed straight to the Sports Hall**
- **Lunch will be served at 11.30am**
- **The exam for English will commence at 12.15pm**
- **School will finish at 2.00pm for students in Year 11**

At this stage we have not made any decisions what action we will take on the other strike days, but wanted to warn you that we may be in a similar position and have to close.

We will be posting work on ClassCharts and in the Google Classroom for students to complete, as offering live remote learning is deemed as "covering" for striking colleagues. Work can also be accessed via [Dr. Frost](#), [Tassomai](#) and [Oak National Academy](#).

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I am very sorry to close the school but we have to be able to operate safely for your children. Any child on FSM can collect a packed school lunch from the canteen between 12.00pm and 1.00pm. Please complete this form if you wish for your child to have a lunch provided ([here](#))

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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