

24 February 2023



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may know the teacher union NEU has voted to take strike action for a second day on Thursday 2nd March 2023. This strike action is in protest over teachers' pay at a national level, not against Crestwood individually as an employer. This is the second of four intended strike days.

The others are -

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

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 for all students on Thursday 2nd March 2023.

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](#). Year 11 students should use this time to catch up on any outstanding work and revise for their GCSEs.

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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