



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

13 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may know the teacher union NEU has voted to take strike action for a third time on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 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.

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 these days.

I apologise that the message in the Parent Bulletin sent out on Friday indicated that we may be able to stay open for year 11 students. We are now, unfortunately, no longer in a position to do this and will only be open for vulnerable students or those whose parents are critical workers. If your child falls into either of these categories and you wish your child to attend school, please email my PA, Justine Sayers, on justine.sayers@crestwood.hants.sch.uk

Individual teaching staff who are not striking will be inviting selected year 11 students into school to work on revision and coursework. Parents/carers will be notified separately by the teacher concerned.

We are extremely sorry for this inconvenience, but it is beyond our control. We can only hope that the Government will come to an agreement with the Teaching Unions soon to avoid any further industrial action.

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.

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Any child on FSM can collect a packed school lunch from the canteen between 12.00pm and 1.00pm on both days . 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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