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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may be aware from the news, negotiations between the Department for Education and the teaching unions were not successful and the National Education Union has announced two more days of industrial action on 27th April and 2nd May. I am writing to inform you about arrangements for 27th April. This action arises from a dispute between the government and the NEU over teachers' pay and school funding at a national level.

Sturminster Newton High School will be open to all students in Years 11, 12 and 13 taking public exams this summer and school transport will be provided for all students in this category as normal. Students will be expected to wear school uniform as normal.

The school will be closed to all students in years 7,8,9,10 and those year 12 not doing public exams this summer.

I have not taken this decision lightly. Our priority is to ensure a safe and secure environment for students and based on the information available we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have on site and available to work.

Staff who are not taking industrial action will set work on google classroom so students will be able to log on from home but there will be no live lessons. I would ask that all students check google classroom and complete work set. Work will not be set by staff taking industrial action.

Work is also available via these links:

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle>

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.memrise.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/index.shtml>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/educators/schools/subject-area/literacy-and-english/support-for-all/support-from-pearson/free-online-gcse-english-lessons.html>

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that the situation may be frustrating although they are due to national circumstances unrelated to the school.

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 the arrangements change.

If you have any questions, please do contact us at office@mynhs.net

Yours faithfully

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