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Dear Parents/Carers

Following my earlier letter, I am writing to inform you about arrangements for the day of industrial action by the National Education Union on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. As you are aware, this is a dispute between the government and the NEU over teachers' pay and school funding at a national level.

I am sorry to inform you that Sturminster Newton High School will be closed to all students on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March and we are asking you not to send your child to school on these days. We have informed the bus companies and Dorset Transport.

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 provide work on google classroom so students will be able to log on from home. Students should check google classroom for work and live lesson links for each lesson. 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 arrangements change and about arrangements for the planned further days of industrial action.

If you have any questions, please do contact us at [office@mynhs.net](mailto:office@mynhs.net)

Yours faithfully

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