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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been notified that the teaching union NEU has failed to reach agreement with Welsh Government, meaning that the further planned dates for industrial action of Thursday 2nd March and Wednesday and Thursday 15th-16th March are likely to go ahead.

I am therefore writing to you to let you know that, in line with the previous strike day, following a risk assessment on the number of staff likely to be taking industrial action on the day and the implications for pupil safety, we have had to take the decision to **close the school to all pupils on Thursday 2nd March**. Again this is a very difficult decision to take, but expected staffing levels projected from 1st February suggest that we would not be able to staff the curriculum safely for any year group.

All staff not striking on the day will be working in school. Pupils in years 7, 8, 9 and 11 have key resources for their year group on their Google Classroom which they can work through; pupils in year 10 can continue to work from the revision materials for their exams which staff have previously supplied.

I will update you of school plans for 15th-16th March days closer to the time, though if there are not further changes I would unfortunately expect the school to also be closed to all pupils on those days.

If the situation changes before Thursday 2nd March, I will let you know.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. A. Thompson
Headteacher