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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support at the recent progress evening in which 650 of our families attended. It was very lovely to have parents and carers back in school and to meet so many of you.



We had some wonderful feedback in our parent and pupil surveys which I will share with you in the coming weeks. I have also noted the feedback about the evening which you gave me that will make future events run smoother.



Our PTA would also like to thank you for your support as we raised £250 on the evening, all of which is going towards supporting our pupils with enrichment and developing our homework systems.



I am sure that you are aware that there will be a Strike action **Wednesday 1st February 2023**. After much consideration and after a careful assessment of the likely impact of this strike action on our school I have decided that based upon the number of staff likely to be absent from work that the school **will be closed for the following year groups on this day; 7,8,9,10**. Parents/carers of pupils in these year groups will therefore have to make alternative childcare provision for the Wednesday 1st February 2023. There will be no live online provision on these year groups. There will be some personal development activities that they can complete on this day. The exception to this is any child that is vulnerable or has a parent carer who is a critical worker can attend school. If you would like your child to attend please complete the google link:



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepJllkWP3BeECiB-ZiNzOeKe2QFO9cZ8BRTtKZWZqohrtWrg/viewform?usp=sf_link



The school will **be open to Year 11,12 and 13 pupils**. We have a number of pupils in Year 11 who have a DIT exam on this day and these pupils will need to be in school by 8.45am. Attendance for all other Year 11s is compulsory on this day and they will need to arrive at 9.30am. For these pupils we will be putting on a revision workshop and supporting them with creating revision timetables and helping them with making applications for Post 16. The school day will finish at 2pm. For pupils in Year 12 and 13 the school building will be open to them as quiet place to study from 9am till 3pm there will be no lessons.



If your child is Free school meals and you require them to have a hot meal on this day, we can accommodate this and pupils should arrive at school at 1pm. Please complete the form below if you attend to take this option. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCaUbsWtCYiyOOx-bGKUuSTo3u17qLWlzi0chEkm-foqrWsQ/viewform?usp=sf_link



Whilst this significant inconvenience is outside the control of the school or governing body, I would nonetheless like to apologise for this. Also to remind you that next week we have the Sixth form open evening from 5-7pm Thursday 2nd Feb and we look forward to seeing our Year 11s and their parents in attendance. **There is a late start on Friday 3rd February** where pupils are to enter from 9.45 – 9.50 where they will go straight to form class. There will be no break time on this day due to the late start but pupils will be able to use the toilet at the start of the day if needed.



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