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Dear Parents and Carers

NEU Strike Action

You may be aware from media coverage that The National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on 1st February, 28th February, and the 15th & 16th March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for 1st February.

Due to the high level of teacher absence on that day and the directive from other unions, not to cover for absent colleagues on strike days we will unfortunately have to close to most year groups on that day. Due to the difficulties in safely staffing the school we are only open to the following year groups and vulnerable children.

Year 13 will attend normal classes where their normal teacher is in and where this is not the case, will do self-directed study for that subject.

Year 12 students will come into school to take the exams that are planned for that day and will then go home.

Those students who the school considers vulnerable will be defined as looked after children, on a CP or CIN plan and those with an EHCP. If your child is in this category, you will be contacted by the School. Due to staffing numbers we are unable to offer keyworker provision.

We will direct to the Oak Academy where learning materials for the appropriate level will be available for your child.

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

The canteen will be open for students who are in school, and vouchers will be provided for those students who are not in school but who would normally qualify for a free school meal.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and/or that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. The Oldershaw School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

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 further.

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office:

schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk or call 0151 638 2800.

Your faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S Fisher', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr S Fisher
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