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Dear Parent/Carer

NEU Strike Action - Wednesday 1st February 2023

As you will have heard in the news, the National Education Union (NEU) has confirmed 4 days of strike action by its members. Whilst I fully support teacher's rights to strike, this will obviously impact on our school and changes will need to be made to our school day on Wednesday 1st February 2023 to ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

I can confirm that on Wednesday 1st February 2023, Hednesford Valley High School will only be open to students in our Complex Needs Department - COr, ISt, NWO, RHu - and to students who have a Social Worker or are post looked-after.

Therefore, your child **will not be in school on Wednesday 1st February 2023.**

I appreciate that this will cause disruption to many families; striking is considered a last resort, with the intention of trying to improve working conditions for staff and improving education for students. I hope you can appreciate and understand the difficult situation this presents. There will be no remote learning on this day and the attendance for children who are not attending school will not be negatively affected. Please ensure you have contacted your SEND transport provider to notify them that your child will not be in school on this day.

We are in the process of arranging a voucher for students who are eligible for free school meals. This will be provided by our catering company and issued next week as soon as we receive them.

A decision has not yet been made regarding the future strike dates of Wednesday 1st March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023. Parents and Carers will be informed at a later date regarding the arrangements for these days.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Stokes
Headteacher

