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# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Teachers' Strike – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

You will be aware from my communication on Friday that following legally conducted national ballots, one of the teachers' unions, the NEU has voted in favour of discontinuous strike action. The first such strike will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

I am writing to inform you that on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Chosen Hill School will be open as usual for Year 11 and Year 13 only and *closed to all other students*. We are also making provision for a small group of vulnerable students to come into school. We will make contact directly with these students and their parents/carers over the next week.

My key consideration in closing the school is always based on the extent to which safe levels of supervision can be maintained throughout the school day. Given the number of potential staff on strike and that they are not obliged to share their intention to strike, I am only able to guarantee the safe supervision of two year groups. At this point, Year 11 and 13 students are our priority in terms of their preparation for examinations this summer.

Learning for all students that are not in school (Year 7-10 + Y12) will be available through the remote learning page, supported by a pop up on the home page that will be set up on the school website on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Whilst striking staff are not required to set work for their lessons on strike days, there are a number of links to resources that students should have access to support their learning.

All contracted school service buses will run as normal. Students will be able to access the school canteen (Y11) the Lower Study Room (Y13) or the Hub in the morning when they arrive before the start of school (8:25am).

Year 11 students should ensure they bring with them all resources for their coursework as well as some revision/private study work. Students will be supported with developing their coursework and/or revision for their core subjects. Year 13 students will have a mix of coursework, supervised study and taught lessons where available.

I am very keen that Year 11 and Year 13 students have the opportunity to gain from this day and have continuity in their learning and I will be communicating with these cohorts at the start of next week with further details.

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I have made this decision as soon as possible to give working parents the best chance possible for making alternative arrangements for childcare for students in Years 7 – 10 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. It is unlikely that the national situation will change before that date, but were that to be the case, then I would contact you again. Should you wish to find out more about why the NEU is taking this action, you can read their press release here: <https://neu.org.uk/press-releases/neu-take-strike-action-over-pay>

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Pauling', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Mr M Pauling**  
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