

26 January 2023

Dear parent/ carer

NEU Industrial Action – School Closure

As you are aware from our letter to parents/ carers earlier in the week, the NEU has declared strike action, which will take place on **Wednesday 01 February 2023**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between unions and the government, not because of any issues in our school.

We are sorry to inform you that The Hamble School will be closed to all students on Wednesday 01 February. Please do not send your son/ daughter to school on this day. We have not taken this decision lightly, however, we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for students and feel we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available.

Remote learning will be available for your child in the following subjects: English, Maths, Science, Geography, PE and Technology. Students will be able to access this via Class Charts. Your child needs to log into Class Charts and go to the 'homework/ blended learning' section; the work will be labelled as SCHOOL CLOSURE WORK. We would advise all Key Stage 3 (Year 7-9) students to complete the core work (English, Maths and Science) and then pick two subjects from Geography, PE or Technology. Years 10 and 11 should complete core and the work set for Geography, PE or Technology depending on their preferences. If they do not take any of these subjects they can complete revision using GCSEPod or BBC Bitesize. Your son/ daughter can then send their work to their teacher via Class Charts, however, please note we will not be asking staff to formally mark this. If your child has any problems accessing Class Charts, please email Mrs Rogerson (Data Manager) brogerson@thehambleschool.co.uk

If your son/ daughter is entitled to a Free School Meal you can order a packed lunch using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/62BzJx7eXQ> Please note that the request must be completed by midday on Monday 30 January 2023. Packed lunches can then be collected by your child on Tuesday 31 January 2023 at 2:55pm from the canteen.

We are sorry that you have to make alternative arrangements for childcare at short notice and that students will experience disruption to their education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating but we would ask that you continue to treat members of staff with respect. We are aware that there are other strike dates planned nationally in March and are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation. We will inform you as soon as possible if further closures are required.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email
headteacher@thehambleschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully



Miss L. Cambridge



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If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.