



Congleton High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Industrial Action

On Wednesday 1 February there will be a nationwide strike by teacher members of the National Education Union ("NEU"). The strike is happening because of a national pay dispute between the union and the government, and not because of any issues at our school.

I recognise that this is a challenging time for parents/carers, students and staff. I respect everyone's right to choose around strike action. I would like to make it clear that by deciding to strike teachers are not showing a lack of commitment to their work or duty. They have decided on an action to make a stand about pay and funding at a national level.

Having assessed the situation at Congleton High School I can confirm that we currently intend to open Congleton High School to all students on Wednesday 1 February. However, some lessons may not be taught by the usual teacher if they are not in school. In this event we will endeavour to provide suitable activities, but students should be prepared for independent study and I recommend that a reading book is also brought in to school.

Please be aware, however, that if the situation changes dramatically on the day of the strike for whatever reason we may need to partially close the school to particular year groups, and/or to end the school day early for some students. In this event we will ensure all parents are informed as early as is practically possible, and in the event of early closure will ensure all children are kept safe until they can either be released to walk home or be collected by a parent.

Kind regards,

Mr M Warren
Headteacher