

## SEATON VALLEY FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Carers

**UPDATE: Strike Action – 28 February 2023** 

Good afternoon

Following my letter earlier this week I am now able to share with you the plans for the three SVF schools for Tuesday 28 February 2023.

**Seaton Sluice Middle School** we are sadly going to have to close to all pupils, except those that are vulnerable or if they are children of key workers (the kitchen will be closed, please provide a packed lunch). Work will be set on google classroom for all year groups.

**Whytrig Middle School** will be open for Year 5 only, sadly we are going to have to close to all pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8, except those that are vulnerable or if they are children of key workers. Work will be set on google classroom.

Astley Community High School will be open for Year 9, 10 and 13, who will attend their normal timetabled lessons. Should their lesson be covered by someone who is not their normal teacher, the pupils will be expected to revise and so it is suggested that they bring revision/home work with them just in case. The school will be closed for Year 11 and 12 pupils who will work at home doing revision activities and revising for the upcoming formal examinations in the summer, consolidating their prior learning or completing coursework and homework tasks.

We will be open for those pupils who are vulnerable and the children of key workers who completed the google form.

The reason we have had to take these decisions is because we have a number of staff who are striking as is their democratic right or we have staff who have to be at home for childcare because the schools of those children are closed.

We will write to the parents/carers of the vulnerable children directly with instructions/details for Tuesday 28 February.

For those pupils who are in receipt of free school meals and have completed the google form, we will provide a packed lunch. Collection will be from 11:00am Tuesday 28 February, from your child's main school reception.



I realise that you may well be frustrated by the decision that we have made, but hope you can understand that we have spent a long time considering our options and it has not been an easy one to make.

Yours sincerely

John Barnes

**Executive Headteacher**