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Dear Parent and Carers

As you will be aware the National Education Union has called two strike days, 27th April 2023 and 2nd May 2023. I realise that this news will be disappointing for you and your children. However, as I have said before I respect the right of staff to go on strike in their dispute with the Government.

As before the decision to strike will have an impact on the 3 schools of the Seaton Valley Federation. The situation is complicated by the fact that the GCSE and A level exams are so close and the Department for Education has asked that we focus on the pupils who are taking these exams.

Therefore, for the two days this is the situation with regard to the opening of the SVF schools.

Astley Community High School will only be open to Year 11 and Year 13. It will also be open to Year 12 pupils who have an examination in the Summer this year. Those Year 12 students do not have to attend registration on Thursday but they are expected to attend all lessons that they have examinations in this Summer. The school will also be open to those pupils who are vulnerable and the children of key workers.

Seaton Sluice Middle School will be closed to all pupils unless they are vulnerable pupils or are the children of key workers.

Whytrig Middle School will be open to the majority of pupils, Mr Souter, Head of School will email parents of Whytrig Middle School pupils directly to let them know which pupils will NOT be able to attend. If your child is one of those pupils and they are vulnerable or you are a key worker you will be able to send your child to school.

As in previous strike days' work will be set for those pupils who are unable to attend the schools. Each school will let you know what work has been set.

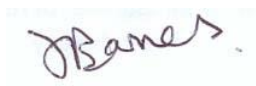
If your child receives free school meals please complete the form if you would like one provided, details were shared in the form how your child would receive/collect the meals.

We expect that all pupils will be back in school on Friday 28th April and Wednesday 3rd May. I hope that this letter is clear but if you have any questions please contact the Head of School for your child's school in the first instance.



Once again I am sorry that we have had to close the schools in this way but we will do all we can to support our young people to the best of our ability.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'JBarnes', is enclosed within a light blue rectangular border.

Mr John Barnes
Executive Headteacher

