

27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching unions have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday the 1st of February. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government regarding teachers' and support staff pay, funding for schools and the low number of trainee teachers that are trained each year. It is not because of any issues at Barnhill.

I'm sorry to inform you that, unless details below affect your child, Barnhill will be closed on Wednesday the 1st February.

Year 11 students taking the IT tech award exam MUST come in to school at the normal time to take this exam. When it finishes between 10:30 and 11:00 they should go home.

If you are unable to accommodate for child care on this day, the school may be able to supervise your child, but this cannot be guaranteed. [Please request using this form](#). A packed lunch will be provided for any child entitled to a free school meal.

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available.

Students will have revision work set on their 'Teams' page they can complete. They should also be encouraged to complete reading.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's head of year or pastoral support manager.

Yours faithfully



John Jones
Headteacher