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Dear Parents and Carers

### **National Strike Action**

As you know, members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take industrial action and to go on strike. This is in response to an ongoing national dispute with the government.

There are strikes planned for Weds 5<sup>th</sup> July and also for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

A sizeable number of the staff are members of this union and more staff have become members since the last strike days. Members of teaching staff who are part of the NEU are not required by law to inform us in advance as to whether they intend to take strike action which makes it difficult for us to gauge the impact this action will have on our school. I do have a fairly good indication based on previous strike days.

Colleagues who are not striking are instructed not to cover for striking colleagues, so despite Year 11 having left school, that does not add any capacity.

I have taken the decision to close the school to students on both days. I hope and intend that a clear decision made now will enable you to make plans ahead of next Wednesday and Friday.

If there are any developments at a national level, and if strike action is averted in schools this will be notified through our usual school communication channels.

Your child should not attend school on the days of strike action:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Staff will place work that can be completed by your child on Teams. There will not be work for every lesson. There will not be any live lessons. Should any child in Year 7 – 9 need any extension tasks or follow up work during the day to complete, they can make use of the following:

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

<https://app.bedrocklearning.org/>

<https://www.lingvascope.com/>



[Home - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Oak National Academy Online Classroom \(thenational.academy\)](#)

Any student who is in receipt of free school meals based on low income (not universal entitlement) will receive a food parcel on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact us if you do not require a food parcel – **keady@stourvalley.org**

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher