

Our Ref: JAH/MM

26th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

The National Education Union (NEU) has informed the schools in the Cranmer Education Trust that their teaching members will be taking industrial action on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 1st February 2023
- Tuesday, 28th February 2023
- Wednesday, 15th March 2023
- Thursday, 16th March 2023

We respect the right of the NEU and their members to take lawful industrial action as part of the formal trade dispute with the Secretary of State for Education in relation to a fully funded increase in teachers' pay at a rate greater than inflation.

The action affects large numbers of teachers in our schools. We have assessed the risk to the safety of our pupils with such reduced numbers of staff and decided that **all our schools below will need to close to pupils on 1st February 2023:**

- The Blue Coat School, Oldham
- The Brian Clarke CE Academy, Oldham
- St Anne's CE Academy, Middleton
- Mayfield Primary School, Oldham
- East Crompton St George's Primary School, Oldham

Unless the situation changes significantly, it is likely that our schools will also need to close to pupils on the other strike days as well, but we will update you if circumstances change.

The only exceptions will be vulnerable pupils and your school will contact you if your child is part of this cohort. They will be expected to attend school, as normal and in full uniform.

Remote Education

Secondary

We will seek to provide as much online learning as we can. Unfortunately we will not know until the day which lessons will be affected by strike action. Pupils should log on for each lesson. Where the teacher is not available they should continue with revision, catching up any work missed, homework, or read, as reading is fundamental to all learning.

Primary

Teachers who are in work will post activities for pupils on the schools' websites or social media and where possible will contact pupils during the day to check that they have found this and understand what to do.

Free School Meals

All pupils who are entitled to receive a Free School Meal will receive an online voucher in the usual way, which can be spent in the supermarket of your choice.

The Headteacher of your child's school will contact you separately with specific details about online provision and arrangements for vulnerable pupils.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Hollis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Mrs J.A. Hollis
Chief Executive Officer
The Cranmer Education Trust