

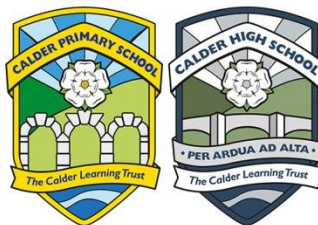
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Dear parents

I hope you are safe and well. As I'm sure you are aware from the media coverage that the NEU teachers' union have declared a period of national strike action. The first day of strike action is on Wednesday 1st February.

The strike action is in response to the dispute between unions and the government over the teachers' pay award being below current rates of inflation and not because of any specific issues at The Calder Learning Trust. We appreciate that this is the case in most professions at the moment, but this is seen as an opportunity for the teaching unions to join colleagues across the public sector to take action to improve the situation.

I am sorry to inform you that The Calder Learning Trust will be closed on Wednesday 1st February and your child will therefore not be able to come into school on that day. This is not a decision we have taken lightly but we are unable to provide enough staff and adequate supervision with the staff we have available on that day.

We have made sure that we have appropriate staffing to supervise the external BTEC examination for ICT and parents of the students sitting that exam will be contacted with the arrangements.

Calder Primary pupils can access and continue with their Times Table Rock Stars and Oxford Owls along with other resources available through the [school website](#). Please ask your child's Class Teacher in advance if you require a new login for Times Table Rockstars. Year 6 pupils can also continue with their SATs preparation.

We would like Calder High students to use the day as a 'catch-up' day and use the time to complete any missing work from their subject booklets and assessment folders. Year 11 students should make full use of the time to continue with their preparation and revision for their summer examinations.

We are working closely with our union representatives and staff to minimise further disruption on the remaining strike days, and I will keep you up to date with the situation as it develops.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice and that their education will be disrupted on that day. I know that the current situation is frustrating, and I ask that our school community continues to support each other and treat each other with respect.

Take care and stay safe.

Anthony Guise
Headteacher