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Dear parents/carers,

As I'm sure you are aware, the NEU teachers' union have declared a period of national strike action. The second day of NEU strike action is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. I am sorry to inform you that Todmorden High School will be closed to all students Year 7-11 on that day.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly. It is not possible to staff the school and guarantee health and safety for all students.

We will be providing a small provision for vulnerable students due to staffing numbers, if you feel your child fits this criteria, please email Emily Rawlinson at <u>e.rawlinson@todhigh.co.uk</u>. If your child receives free school meals please email Sian Broadbent to arrange for a packed lunch to be made up, you will be able to call in at school to collect this meal on the strike day - <u>s.broadbent@todhigh.co.uk</u>.

We would like Todmorden High School students to use the day as a 'catch-up' day and use the time to complete online learning work on Sparx, GCSE Pod and Carousel as well as any previously set home learning tasks including making use of their knowledge organisers. Year 11 students should make full use of the time to continue with their preparation and revision for their summer examinations, including looking at the revision pages on our website <u>Revision By Subject - Todmorden High School (todhigh.co.uk)</u>.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child 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 as best we can moving forward.

Further strike days are scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March, I will continue to keep in touch with parents, carers and students regarding any other upcoming strike days. School will be open as normal on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Yours sincerely,

Gill Shirt Headteacher



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