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Dear parents/carers,

Re Industrial action on Thursday 2nd March

As you may be aware on the above date a number of teachers and other school staff across England and Wales are taking industrial action in the form of a strike. Following a risk assessment and consultation with the Chair of Governors, it has been decided that the **school will be closed to all pupils apart from those specified below** on the this day as we cannot guarantee adequate levels of supervision to ensure that health and safety requirements are met throughout the day:

- Year 11 pupils in main school should attend school as normal.
- Cynon Class, Rhymni Class and Taff Class in the SSRB base should attend school as normal.

Staff not involved in the strike action will be in school on the day. As the school will be closed to the majority of pupils, those teachers who are not taking industrial action will set work in the google classroom which can be accessed in the usual manner for all year groups who will not be on site. Should any change occur between now and next Thursday we shall of course let you know.

In addition to the industrial action planned for next week further strikes are planned for the following dates:

- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

We will reassess the situation in advance of those planned actions and communicate with you accordingly. It is, however, likely that unless agreement is reached between unions and Welsh Government and strike action subsequently called off that families should attempt to plan for further significant disruption to schooling on those dates.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J.N. Hicks', written in a cursive style.

Mr. J.N.Hicks
Headteacher