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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Strike Days – next Wednesday and Thursday

As you will be aware, two more National strike days, called by the NEU, are planned for next week on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. This action is in support of improved teacher pay, funding for schools and recruitment of teachers.

As I have stated in previous letters, the health and safety of our pupils is our priority and we must ensure that any pupils on site have adequate supervision. We have spent some time planning for these days and, having worked closely with colleagues, I am now in a position to give you the details of our arrangements for the two affected days.

As we have a significant number of teachers exercising their right to strike, on strike days we are unable to provide a normal teaching timetable and therefore lessons cannot go ahead as usual. For the last two strike days we were able to bring the Year 11 pupils in for two purposeful and productive days – one that focussed on revision and revision skills, the other where pupils were sitting PPE exams.

We are doing our best to ensure that those pupils who we <u>are</u> able to accommodate in school on the strike days, have a productive, planned-for day that they will find beneficial and interesting. With this in in mind, we have put the following arrangements in place:-

On Wednesday March 15th we will be going ahead with our pre-planned World of Work enterprise day for Year 9 pupils. We are able to deliver this day because we will be supported by World of Work volunteers. All Year 9 pupils are expected to attend on this day. Apart from invited pupils, the school will be <u>closed to Years 7, 8 and 10.</u>

On **Thursday 16th March**, we will provide **Year 10** pupils with subject revision sessions, led by specialists, which will help them to prepare for their exams which begin just after Easter. **All Year 10 pupils are expected to attend on this day.** The school will be <u>closed to Years</u> <u>7, 8 and 9</u> (apart from a few individually invited pupils).

<u>Year 11</u>

On both strike days, Y11 will be expected to complete <u>independent</u> work and revision (as we will not have the subject staff available to deliver normal lessons). This <u>independent</u> study can be carried out at home. Alternatively, if pupils prefer to work in school, we will welcome them and will provide supervised Y11 work rooms and chromebooks. If a Year 11 pupil opts to come into school, they must attend for the <u>full day(s)</u> 8:30-3pm and in full school uniform. Additionally, they must book a place (to aid with our planning) using the link placed in their Y11 google classroom.

EXCEPTIONS

A small number of identified pupils from all year groups will be offered a place to study in school during the two days of strike action. These pupils <u>will be contacted individually</u>. If you are contacted, then your child should attend school as normal. If you are not contacted individually then your child should remain at home (unless in Year 9 for Wednesday 15th, or Year 10 for Thursday 16th).

All pupils in school must attend punctually and in full school uniform. Break and Lunch will operate as normal. Those identified pupils from other year groups will also have lunch from 12:30 - 1:20pm.

SUMMARY

Wednesday March 15th

- All Year 9s expected to attend as well as invited pupils from other Year groups. School closed for most pupils in Years 7, 8 and 10.
- Year 11s can opt to attend school for independent study sign up first. (See link in google classroom.)

Thursday 16th March

- All Year 10s expected to attend as well as invited pupils from other Year groups. School closed for most pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9.
- Year 11s can opt to attend school for independent study sign up first. (See link in google classroom.)

Meals

Those pupils who are eligible for free school meals in Years 7, 8, and 11 will be provided with a voucher to take home on Tuesday 14th March to cover the two strike days.

All pupils in Year 9 will have lunch in school as normal on Wednesday 15th and <u>all</u> will be able to collect a packed lunch that day to take home for the second strike day. All pupils in Year 10 will be able to collect a packed lunch on Tuesday 14th at 3pm ready for Wednesday and will have lunch as normal in school on Thursday.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding at this time.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs A Cavanagh Head Teacher