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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: NEU Strike Action Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March

I am writing to remind you that the last two of four days of industrial action planned by the NEU are scheduled for next week on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. In addition to this on Monday 13th March we have a pre-planned INSET day which was scheduled when we set our calendar at the end of last year. This cannot be moved.

We recognise that this is far from ideal but are doing all we can to try and stretch staffing to keep as many students in school on Wednesday and Thursday as possible and to minimise disruption.

It is our intention to remain open for students preparing for GCSE examinations in Year 11 on both Wednesday and Thursday. Further, we are looking at anticipating staffing levels and intend to have Year 7, 8, 9, and 10 in on one of either Wednesday or Thursday so that they do not miss two consecutive days of school. I am sorry that I cannot give you clearer plans at this point as predicting staff absence is difficult as staff do not need to indicate whether they intend to take industrial action until the day.

I will contact you again no later than Monday 13th March with more firm guidance. I hope that this will give you the opportunity to consider alternative arrangements for your child for the dates above, should it become necessary.

Should you wish to find out more about why the NEU is taking this action, you can read their press release here: <https://neu.org.uk/press-releases/neu-take-strike-action-over-pay>

Yours sincerely

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