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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: NEU Strike Action Thursday 27th April & Tuesday 2nd May 2023

I am writing to make you aware of two new days of planned industrial action. These new dates have been announced by the NEU after balloting their members in response to rejecting a pay offer from the DfE earlier this month.

It is our intention to remain open for students preparing for GCSE examinations in Year 11 on both Thursday and Tuesday. Further, we are looking at anticipating staffing levels and intend to have Year 7, 8, 9, and 10 in on one of either Thursday or Tuesday so that they do not miss two 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 24th April 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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