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Dear Parents and carers,

The next planned day of action by members of the NEU will happen next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay. The potential effect will not be restricted to our school, but the impact on each school will differ.

In this letter I am setting out our arrangements for next week. When making decisions, we have had to take into account union membership, staffing levels and how we can ensure the health and safety of our pupils in school. On these strike days, school will therefore be open for pupils in the following year groups only:

Year 11  
Year 13

Vulnerable pupils in other year groups will also be invited to attend where capacity allows. Parents will be contacted directly. Pupils in school may not be able to attend their normal lessons so we ask that pupils in Years 11 and 13 bring with them some revision material for supported study.

Pupils in years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will need to remain at home on those days. For pupils not in school, we are not able to provide work for each lesson as the closure is part of an industrial dispute and the withdrawal of a person's labour or professional services on that day, however some resources will be made available on Synergy for pupils to engage with.

Please note that the canteen will be open as normal on that day for those students who need to attend. There will be no co-curricular clubs available on this day, Vouchers will be provided for pupils in receipt of free school meals for whom school is not open.

I'm sorry that some of you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and I thank you for your support and understanding.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Gomersall  
Headteacher

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