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Dear Parents/Carers

Industrial action update

The next scheduled day of industrial action by the NEU is: Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July.

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. As I mentioned in my previous correspondence, 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 both of the days identified above, school will therefore be open for students in Year 7 and 12. On the Wednesday, Year 12 are only expected in until lunchtime.

Vulnerable pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 will also be invited to attend where capacity allows. Parents/carers will be contacted directly by school. Year 10 will continue to access their work placement venues and for the small number of students accessing a virtual work placement in school, they must remain at home on these two days as their work can be accessed online.

Students in school may not be able to attend their normal lessons so we ask that they bring with them a reading book and if necessary, they will be directed to supervised, self-supported study using online resources.

Students in all other year groups will need to remain at home on the days. For students 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 we will make some resources available on Synergy for students to engage with.

Please note that buses will run as normal on that day for those students who need to attend and the canteen will be open as usual. There will be no extra-curricular clubs available on this day.

Vouchers will be provided for students 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.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Cowper **Executive Headteacher**

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