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Dear Parents and Carers

Re - NEU Teacher Strike Action: Wednesday 1st February 2023

As you will be aware the National Education Union have voted to take strike action in their dispute over pay with the government and challenging the current funding levels for schools overall.

The proposed days for Industrial Action are:

- 1 February 2023 national strike across England and Wales
- 28 February 2023 regional strike in the North, North West, and Yorkshire and the Humber
- 15 March 2023 national strike across England and Wales
- 16 March 2023 national strike across England and Wales

As a result, the school will be partially closed to students next Wednesday, 1st February 2023.

The following students should attend school as normal:

- All students who attend ALP on that day.
- All students who access the Residential Provision.
- There are other students who have been identified to attend by Senior Leaders and their parents/carers will be contacted on an individual basis

School Transport will be arranged as usual.

As teachers are taking industrial action, there will not be any live lessons or additional work set. I cannot direct staff who are not taking strike action to cover for striking colleagues.

The next day of Industrial action is on <u>28th February 2023</u>. The school will, again be partially closed to students. However, those students who are entered for the Functional Skills Mathematics examination will be expected to attend that day.

I will write again regarding plans for the further two days of planned Industrial action.

I respect the reasons for the industrial action and fully appreciate that this will cause disruption for parents. Due to health and safety I am unable to open fully due to the absence of those taking Industrial action. I hope the Government and the Trade Unions are able to reach an agreement quickly so that any disruption to education is minimised.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Davies
Headteacher



