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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Industrial strike action – Wednesday 1st February

I am writing to you with a further update around the ballots on industrial action and what this means for our academy.

As mentioned previously, The National Education Union (NEU), National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) and National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) held ballots of their members on industrial action. Following these votes, members of the NEU across England have decided to strike.

The first strike will take place on **Wednesday 1st February**. As a result, we will not have enough members of staff to safely open the academy to all students. We will therefore be open to students in Year 7 and Year 11 only and those on the vulnerable register. Those parents of children on the vulnerable register will be telephoned to ask for their child to attend school.

All other students in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 must remain at home on Wednesday 1st February. Work will be set for students to complete on their Edulink One account. If your child prefers a work pack, please request this by the end of this Monday 30th January. Students who have Free School Meals in Year 8 – 10 can come to the academy reception at midday to collect their food. Again, can you please inform the academy by the end of Monday if your child wishes to do this.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or a member of our senior leadership team, and we would be more than happy to speak with you.

I am sorry for the inconvenience this has caused and the academy will be open to all year groups on Thursday 2nd February.

I will be in touch again after the term break with regards to the second strike scheduled for the 28th February.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Robson
Principal
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