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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Industrial strike action – Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March

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 third strike will take place on **Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March**. 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 11 only, the Year 7 'gold group' and those on the vulnerable register. Those parents of children in the Year 7 'gold group' and on the vulnerable register will be telephoned to ask for their child to attend school.

All other students in Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 must remain at home on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. Work will be set for students to complete on their Edulink One account. If your child prefers a work pack, please request this by 3.00pm on Monday 13th March. Students who have Free School Meals in Year 7 – 10 can come to the academy reception at midday on each of the strike days to collect their food. Again, can you please inform the academy by 3.00pm on Monday 13th March if your child wishes to take up this offer.

Please note, the Year 7 parents' evening scheduled for the evening of Wednesday 15th March is postponed. A progress report will be emailed/posted to parents and if you have any queries you can contact your child's teachers through a message on the Edulink One account. A new date for the parents' evening will be set and shared with you in due course.

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. If you are a parent who is a critical worker, please contact the academy if you need your child to attend.

I am sorry for the inconvenience this has caused and the academy will be open to all year groups on Monday 13th March, Tuesday 14th March and Friday 17th March.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Robson
Principal

