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Industrial action planned on 5th and 7th July 2023

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Dear Parents/Carer,

Further to our previous communication, we are writing to give you advance notice of arrangements for two upcoming days of industrial action on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023.

At this time, the NEU trade union is calling for industrial action in the form of two further national strike days for their teaching members on these dates. This action is happening because of a national dispute between the Government and teacher trade unions regarding pay.

The following information outlines our plans for educational provision on both **Wednesday 5th July** and **Friday 7th July 2023**.

- In the event of the trade union suspending or cancelling this planned industrial action we will communicate with you immediately

Based upon our experiences from the previous days of industrial action, we have been working on contingency plans to ensure safe provision for our pupils during the strike. In our preparations we have been conscious of giving families sufficient notice to make alternative plans, where necessary, for this day. Please can you read the following in full as arrangements may differ from those for the previous days of industrial action.

Year 9 and Year 10

Years 9 and 10 will attend school as normal on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. Year 10 and Year 9 pupils attending school will follow their normal timetable. If their teacher is striking, then pupils will be supervised by Senior Leaders and Pastoral or support staff.

Year 7 and Year 8

Years 7 and 8 will need to learn from home and should not attend school on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. We have not taken this decision lightly. Whilst I appreciate this may be frustrating for parents, we have put the following arrangements in place to make the day as productive as possible:

- All pupils in Years 7 and 8 will be set an online task of reading and Sparx Maths
- Packed lunches will be available for free school meal pupils to collect from main Reception on these days. Please inform us of any dietary requirements in advance.
- We will also be making provision for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers in Years 7 and 8 to attend school as normal. Parents/Carers of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils who have a **confirmed place** in our Critical Worker and Vulnerable Provision are welcome to send their children into school on these two days. We will then update staff on plans for these pupils.

Once again, we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We are confident that the plans we have made will ensure that pupils experience the best possible provision in the circumstances.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your child's Pastoral Leader in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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