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Dear parent/carer,

As you will be aware, the NEU teaching union is planning to take industrial action against national policy on **Wednesday 5th July** and **Friday 7th July**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the NEU and the government and not because of any issues at our school.

While our focus is always to ensure the school is as open and available to students as possible, the majority of our teachers are in the NEU and this will affect us. Staff taking strike action do not have to inform me of their individual intention to take action, and therefore we need to ensure we can manage the school safely.

On **Wednesday 5th July**, the school will therefore, only be able to accommodate Year 12 students, with all other students (Years 7-10) receiving remote learning where their teachers are not on strike. We will provide further information as to the lessons taking place as soon as we are able. We can confirm that **Sports Day will go ahead, as planned on Wednesday 5th July**. Students taking part are required to make their way to Palmer Park. Parents of students involved have already been notified about these arrangements.

School is closed to all students on **Friday 7th July** for an **INSET day**. This is a non-school day for all students and therefore there will not be any online, remote learning.

A limited hot and cold food service will be available to students in the canteen for Year 12 students who are in school on Wednesday 5th July. Parents of pupils entitled to receive Free School Meals will receive a voucher if their child is not expected to attend school on this day (including those taking part in Sports Day).

Year 12 teachers will advise their students of lessons. Some students will be expected to study in the Sixth Form area if some of their lessons are affected by the strike action.

Given the uncertainties involved in such action, if there is a need to inform you of any changes we will do so before commencement of classes on Wednesday 5th July. In terms of any potential future strike dates, we will advise you of arrangements nearer the time, and as soon as we are aware.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Simon Uttley
Headmaster

