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Dear Parent / Guardian

I write with a number of reminders and updates from the school.

**1. 1<sup>st</sup> February - Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU)**

Our plans for the first day of strike action by the National Education Union, this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, remain unchanged since I last wrote to you. **We will be opening the school for all children.** Having conducted a risk assessment, school governors share my confidence that staffing levels in school will be sufficient to ensure that all classes are appropriately supervised. Cookery Club, Ensemble, Debating Club, Athletics, NSG Newspaper Club, Languages and Culture Club and Yoga Club will take place as normal.

**All pupils should attend school as normal this Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> February), regardless of whether friends or siblings who attend other schools are.**

While it may appear that education in this school will only be marginally impacted by this strike, in fact there will be a number of significant consequences on the day:

- 1) There will be significantly more cover lessons than pupils are used to. While the majority of lessons will be unaffected, the quality of teaching in those lessons which are covered will not be to our normal standards.
- 2) There will be significantly less pastoral support available for pupils during the day. This may mean that if a pupil behaves poorly we may contact home for parents to collect.
- 3) Our Quiet Room – a new provision which we have developed since the Christmas Break which allows children who are too upset, anxious or agitated to go to their class – will be closed on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

I would like to stress, once more, the fact that our staff who are not members of the union taking industrial action, nevertheless, share the concerns of colleagues who are and we all hope that the government feel able to engage in meaningful negotiations.

Headteacher: Mr Neil Jones



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**2. Year 11 Parents Evening**

A reminder that this event takes place on the 6<sup>th</sup> February. Please book your face to face appointments via [this link](#) (also on the website).

**3. Year 11 Saturday Academic Boosters**

The positivity and engagement shown by those Year 11s taking advantage of the Saturday boosters was brilliant to see this week. A big thank you to the parents who have enabled their children to attend, the teachers who gave up their Saturday morning and Mr Chesterman for organising.

**4. Attendance**

Given both the potential longer-term impact of further industrial action and the continued prevalence of various colds and flus, every day your child is able to attend remains vital. Your continued support in ensuring that days missed are kept to an absolute minimum is appreciated.

**5. Saturday Multi-Sports Club**

A staffing absence means that the Saturday Multi-Sports Club will be cancelled this Saturday (4<sup>th</sup> February). The Drama Club will be taking place as normal.

Yours sincerely

Neil Jones  
Headteacher