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Dear Parent / Guardian

I write with a number of reminders primarily about the imminent day of industrial action that the National Education Union (NEU) is taking Tuesday 2nd May. The crisis of teacher recruitment and retention underlying the industrial dispute is highlighted by the latest Initial Teacher Training forecast for 2023/24 showing the government's own target for secondary teacher recruitment will be missed by over 50%. This means that secondary schools will, quite simply, not have enough skilled and qualified teachers in the years ahead which risks incalculable damage to children's life chances.

1) Industrial Action

On Tuesday 2nd May:

- 1) **Year 10 and Year 11 please attend school as normal.** Once again, I am very pleased that a number of NEU colleagues will be coming into school specifically for their Year 11 lessons, despite not being paid to do so.
- 2) Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 please work from home, accessing work on TEAMS and work on [the Oak National Academy](#). Please email it-support@nsg.kevibham.org for any technical support.
- 3) Any pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 (or their families) who wish to pick up a packed lunch throughout the day may pop into reception at any stage to do so.
- 4) We have already invited a number of pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 to attend for specific individual reasons and the relevant parents will be aware of this. If you are a key worker or you have a different reason you wish your child to be supervised in school on this day, please email enquiry@nsg.kevibham.org with the title '2nd May'.
- 5) **Most school extra-curricular clubs will still run on Tuesday** (Science Club, Ensemble, Netball, Drama, Kindle Classics, Future Creatives, Netball, Chess Club and Homework Club). Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 and welcome to come into school at 3.15 to attend these clubs and there will be no expectation that they wear school uniform.

2) PE Kit

Participating in PE lessons not only helps to develop their physical fitness, but also promotes mental well-being, confidence and important social skills. In addition, regular exercise has been shown to improve academic performance and reduce stress and anxiety levels.

Headteacher: Mr Neil Jones



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We understand that there may be times when your child may not feel well enough to participate fully in a PE lesson. However, we encourage all students to attend the lesson with their full PE kit, as our experienced PE teachers will be able to provide support and adaptations to suit their needs.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'NJ'.

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher