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PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE ON WEDNESDAY 15 AND THURSDAY 16 MARCH

Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware from media coverage that there is continued industrial action by workers in many different jobs which has been organised by trade unions. Members of the National Education Union (NEU) declared strike action over a number of days. The next strike action is scheduled for **Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March**. The strikes are happening in result of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and funding, and not because of any issues at our school or Trust.

Unfortunately, we will have to ask students in Years 7 – 10 to learn from home on these days as we have insufficient staffing levels due to strike action. Work will be provided for their timetabled lessons via their planners, Google Classroom and Hegarty Maths. However, Years 11, 12 and 13 should attend school as normal on this day. This is not a decision we take lightly but the safety of our students is paramount.

Those students in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch. We will be in touch with all parents of children in receipt of free school meals with further detail of this provision in due course.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any disruption caused. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

D Ritchie

Mrs Ritchie
Acting Head of School