



Tuesday 10th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to get this out early today, and I will do another letter later today with more information. Despite our continued efforts, as I write this letter, the NEU announced strike dates are still going ahead this week and next week:

- **Tuesday 10th December**
- **Wednesday 11th December**
- **Thursday 12th December**
- **Tuesday 17th December**
- **Wednesday 18th December**
- **Thursday 19th December**
- **Friday 20th Decmeber**

I had been informed that the members of the NEU were not holding their meeting until very late last night, their meeting only starting at 7.00pm and as the school was not informed at this late stage if the strike days would be called off, I had to assume they would go ahead. As things stand, all the strike dates previously announced are due to go ahead. Therefore, to allow time for parents to arrange alternative provisions for children who are not able to be in school, please see the proposed plan below for the rest of this week:

The school will be open to some students on different days this week

If your child's year group is due to be in school, they should arrive at 8:45am. They will be dismissed at 1:15pm and allowed to collect a packed lunch before they leave.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 9</u>	<u>Year 10</u>	<u>Year 11</u>
11/12/24	In school	In school	Work set at home	In school	Work set at home
12/12/24	In school	Work set at home	In school	Work set at home	In school

I am still hopeful that the planned strike action for next week will be called off. The school is committed to open dialogue and finding a resolution and we will continue to work to avoid the impact of the strikes on the students' education. The education of the children that come to our school is, and will always be the top priority and we will work with the local community to ensure we meet that expectation.

I want to thank everyone who has sent messages of support to me, the leadership team, the governors and in support of the children of the school. I have been overwhelmed by the sheer volume and by the strong messages of support I have received and I want to thank you in advance for your continued faith in me and the school governors.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Silk'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr. Silk
Headteacher