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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to confirm that the NEU members' planned industrial action is still ongoing and is still scheduled to continue until 8th May, and may include further dates being announced.

We have now finalised the planning for next week, the week commencing 27th April to 1st May. The school will again be **fully open to all students in all year groups as normal**. All parents and carers should therefore send the students to school as normal, at the usual start time, and the school day will finish at the usual time. Attendance is so important so please ensure that your daughter attends school on time each day, in full school uniform, fully equipped and prepared to learn, exactly as with any normal school week.

A significant number of staff are continuing to work, and I want to recognise the professionalism, commitment and integrity they are demonstrating in prioritising the needs of our students- particularly those in Year 11, who are already undertaking practical and language oral exams, with their formal GCSE written exams beginning in just two weeks' time. At this critical point, their needs could not be greater. I am immensely proud of the staff in school who are working tirelessly to ensure continuity in their education.

Alongside the senior leadership team and governing body, both teaching and support staff are making exceptional efforts to maintain teaching, learning and pastoral provision with as much consistency as possible. Where usual class teachers are not available, we deploy experienced staff, the leadership team and appropriate cover to ensure that students continue to access their curriculum and remain engaged in purposeful learning throughout the school day. The school will provide structure, supervision, and high expectations at all times.

Let me be unequivocally clear: **I will do everything in my power to protect our students' education**. The school has a duty to provide consistency, structure and high-quality learning and I will be relentless in delivering on that duty.

In order to ensure that our arrangements remain robust and sustainable, we will communicate plans one week at a time. I will therefore write to you again next week with further updates regarding subsequent weeks. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, understanding and patience.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Silk
Headteacher