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Dear Parents and Carers

This Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March are the third in a series of teacher strikes being held by the NEU in the continuing dispute with the government over pay and conditions. As you know, the school was only open for a small number of vulnerable students on the last strike day, and this was the right decision based on the number of staff available.

Therefore, the arrangements for Wednesday and Thursday will be the same as previously. The school will be prioritising:

- Vulnerable pupils
- The children of critical workers
- We are also running mock exams for our Year 13 students, who have been given their timetable.

We therefore ask you to make alternative childcare arrangements, where needed, for this day. We apologise for the inconvenience this may mean to you and to your child's education, and we hope the dispute can be resolved as soon as possible.

All staff not involved in the industrial action will set work for students on Teams, and will be available on Teams chat during the period of your child's lesson to answer any questions.

Yours sincerely

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