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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: STRIKE ACTION

You will be aware from media coverage and my previous correspondence that the National Education Union (NEU) have scheduled additional industrial action in schools across the country. This will take the form of strike action and is currently due to take place in the South West on **Thursday 27 April** and again on **Tuesday 2 May**.

The industrial action is a result of a national dispute between the NEU and the government and is not specific to our school. The overwhelming majority of schools locally and nationally will be impacted but each school will have different arrangements for students, due to the number of members of its staff who are likely to strike. We have been working closely with colleagues here in order to plan for the strikes so that we can minimise any disruption to our students' education. Based on our recent experience, a number of colleagues will be taking industrial action and we are thus planning for this accordingly.

Our view, at present, is that we will be able to keep the academy open on the proposed strike days for **some students**, with the following arrangements in place for both **Thursday 27 April** and **Tuesday 2 May**. Please note the different arrangements for each day:

On **Thursday 27 April - Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 should remain at home** and complete home learning. **Year 7 and Year 11 should attend the academy.**

On **Tuesday 2 May - Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 should remain at home** and complete home learning. **Year 10 and Year 11 should attend the academy.**

For those students who have been asked to work from home, the normal timetable will be postponed and they will complete English, Maths and Science work. This work will be set centrally on Google Classroom. If any students require hard copies of the work, this will be available for collection from reception at 9.00am on each of the days.

If you are a 'critical worker' and the strike days present an issue for you with childcare, please contact the academy and we will be happy to support.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the alternative arrangements outlined above, please contact the main office.

Thank you for your continued support of the academy and your child's education.

Yours sincerely

MR M LAWRENCE
Headteacher