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NEU Strike Action

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide an update following my previous letter regarding the planned industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU).

Unfortunately, the NEU intends to continue with the scheduled strike action next week. However, we have arranged for mediation with the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) to take place on Monday. I will provide a further update to parents regarding the outcome of that meeting as soon as possible.

Based on the current notice, the school will be closed to the majority of students on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, 20 January 2026**
- **Wednesday, 21 January 2026**
- **Thursday, 22 January 2026**

The safety and well-being of our students remain our primary concern. Because we will not have sufficient personnel to safely supervise the full student body, the following arrangements are in place:

- **Online Learning:** Work will be set for students to complete at home via our digital platforms. Specific instructions for next week's assignments will be shared on Monday.
- **Year 11 Focus:** We have noted that attendance at live online sessions for Year 11 has been lower than expected. Please ensure your children attend these vital sessions; all students must log in to **RM Unify** to access the necessary resources.
- **Vulnerable Students:** The school will remain open for vulnerable students. We will continue to communicate with these families directly to confirm arrangements.
- **Free School Meals:** Students eligible for free school meals can collect a packed lunch from the school reception between **12:40 pm and 1:20 pm** on the strike days.
- **Year 9 Options Evening:** This will proceed as scheduled on **Tuesday**. Further information will be sent to the relevant parents shortly.

We understand that these closures may create significant childcare challenges for some families. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact us at info@littleilford.school, and we will do our best to assist where possible.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the online Q&A with me yesterday. I hear your concerns regarding the impact on our Year 11 students and completely appreciate the



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gravity of this period for them. As mentioned, we are already running intervention sessions and will continue to look for further opportunities to address any gaps in learning.

I will keep you updated as soon as any further information becomes available. Thank you for your continued patience, support, and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Finn

Headteacher,

