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Dear Parent / Carer,

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Further to the letter you received regarding the National Education Union (NEU) strike action in England, I am just getting in touch to outline how your child will be conducting their learning whilst working remotely from home on each of the strike days.

Our remote learning provision uses Microsoft Teams which all students have been trained on in school as part of our planning for emergency closures. There is a support guide on how to connect to a Teams live lesson on our website –

<https://www.longdendalehighschool.org.uk/school-life/curriculum/remote-learning-2>.

The details of our remote learning policy can also be found on our school website –

<https://www.longdendalehighschool.org.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures>.

We have conducted a parent voice activity to ensure all students have access to a laptop device at home to facilitate their learning. Where needed, devices have been loaned to families to support students learning.

There will be a virtual assembly delivered via Teams at 8:30 for each year group. Please ensure your child is up and attending the virtual assembly. Attendance will be monitored and parents will be contacted if students are not attending their assembly.

The learning provision for the rest of the day will be a blended learning provision. Any teachers who are not part of the NEU strike action will deliver a Teams lesson to their class. Please note our Teams lessons are live lessons where students cannot be seen or heard, they need to contribute to the lesson through the Q and A facility on Teams. The links for any live lessons will be on Class Charts before 8:00 (check notifications as well as the work set section). For any periods in the day where there is not a live lesson due to strike action all students will have work set to complete independently on Educake for English and science, and Hegarty maths for maths. As students use these online learning platforms already for home learning, they are familiar with how to use these and already know their log in information.

Please also remember students who are currently eligible for Free School Meals will be able to collect a lunch, in the form of a 'grab bag', from designated collection points in the local community at various times in the morning. Please refer to the separate details that will be sent regarding this. If the collection time is when your child has a Teams lesson, please do not worry. They should collect their lunch and then as the lessons record, students can pause the lesson and resume it, or start the lesson recording after their lunch has been collected. The lunch break for all students on strike days will be 12:20-12:50. Period 4 lessons will start at 12.50.

If there are any difficulties throughout the day students / parents should contact the following email address where there will be staff on hand to support you – homelearning@lhs.spt.ac.uk.

Kind regards
Miss Ayre