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RE: Strike Action and Year 8 and SEND Parent/Carer Celebration and Progress Evening

Dear parents and carers

The next two planned days for strike action by the National Education Union are due to be held on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**. I am now in a position to be able to provide full details about what will happen on the first of these days (Thursday 27th April).

In its ongoing campaign for a fully funded, above inflation pay rise, teacher members of the National Education Union in England and Wales have voted overwhelmingly for strike action. Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May are the next two proposed strike days.

Due to the number of teaching staff who will be supporting the campaign as members of the National Education Union and who will be taking strike action on Thursday 27th April, **we will only be open to year 11, year 10 and year 7 students on Thursday 27th April**. It is compulsory that these two-year groups attend school on these days. Full plans for the second day (Tuesday 2nd May) will be communicated early next week.

Year 8 and SEND Parent/Carer Evening – Thursday 27th April Date Change

Due to the strike action taking place next Thursday we have had to take the decision to move the Year 8 Parent/Carer Celebration and Progress Evening and the SEND Parent/Carer Evening taking place. Both events will move to the following Thursday (4th May). All appointment times will just be rolled over to that evening but you can amend appointment times if necessary by logging back into your School Cloud account.

I appreciate the inconvenience this may cause to students and families in years 8 and 9; however, I also recognise and feel it is vitally important that the national campaign for a fully funded, above inflation pay rise for teaching and support staff receives the support required from the school and our decision to close to three year groups is in line with a significant number of other secondary and primary schools.

In order to support the families of student in years 8 and 9 who may require childcare on the day of strike action, we will be opening the school to the groups of students listed below in addition to all of year 11, year 10 and year 7. If you require a place in school for your child under any of the criteria below, can I please request that you complete the form on the link **by 5pm on Tuesday 25th April**. This will allow us to plan out the correct supervision and support for the number of students we will have onsite.

The students who are eligible for a place in school on Thursday 27th April are:

- **All of year 11, year 10 and year 7 students (compulsory attendance for these three year groups)**
- **Any children in years 8 and 9 and classed as vulnerable for a particular factor identified by the school.**
(School will contact these families prior to the strike days)





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- **Any children in any year group, who requires childcare in school on these days.** (*Places to be booked using the form below by 5pm on Tuesday 25th April*).

All students attending school on these two days will be required to **attend in full school uniform** and the normal provision for break and lunchtime will be available for these students with a reduced menu.

To request a place in school for your child please complete the form on this link: [School Place Form](#)
(If you are requesting a place for more than one child a separate form for each child will need to be completed)

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Free School Meals

If your child is currently eligible for free school meals and will be at home on Thursday 27th April, we will be providing **lunch packages on request** to any families who require them. If you would like to order a lunch package to be collected from school, provided to students to take home or to be delivered to a home address, please **complete the form below by 5pm on Tuesday 25th April**.

[Free School Meal Lunch Package Request Form](#)

Remote Learning

Students who are at home on the day will be provided with a guide listing online resources and learning platforms to enable them to continue with their learning in core subjects throughout the day. If your child would have difficulties accessing the online resources, please contact us prior to the day or request a place in school for your child and they will be supported in school to access the learning resources.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the pending strike action, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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