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Dear Parents and Carers

I am now able to update you on how the industrial action called by the NEU for the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 will impact Birkenhead Park School.

We want to keep as much of the school open as we can but this is impacted by the strike action we will experience but also the effects that strike action in other schools has on our own staff, who as parents like you are having to manage the impact of this national action on their own childcare responsibilities.

**I can confirm that the school will be open for our full Y11 cohort, and for vulnerable and key worker children in years 7 through to 10.**

Deciding how to allocate our reduced resources has not been easy and there are a range of arguments for a variety of decisions. However, we have concluded that the Y11 group must be given priority as they have their critical summer exams fast approaching and any day missed will impact negatively on these. For many of these students we also have critical internal and external exams on this day and so it is even more essential that their attendance is prioritised.

You will receive a separate communication on Friday that will outline how you can book your child a place at school if they are in years 7-10; we have to have a booking system so that we know who should be in school. We will also share information regarding how we will support those children entitled to a free school meal who will not be in school on the strike day.

Can I stress how much we value your support in getting us through this challenging time, we must do all we can to continue to support attendance at school, even on these disjointed days. Any lost day of education is regrettable and, as I have stated potentially damaging, and I can only hope that the NEU and the government work a little harder than they have done so far to reach an agreement.

Kind Regards

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