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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: NEU regional and national strike action affecting Meadowhead**

We were informed last week that the National Education Union have voted in favour of strike action. Please make a note of the following dates when the strike action is planned to take place.

Wednesday 1 February – NEU members in England and Wales  
Tuesday 28 February – NEU members in Yorkshire and Humber  
Wednesday 15 March – NEU members in England and Wales  
Thursday 16 March – NEU members in England and Wales

I can confirm that I have received notification that strike action will go ahead on Wednesday 1 February. Although it is only NEU members taking strike action on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, all teacher unions are in dispute with the government about the following issues:

- below inflation pay award for teachers this year and next year which has also been the case since 2010.
- insufficient government funding to education over the past 12 years which has left staff having to do more work with fewer resources.
- teacher recruitment and retention crisis

**On the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, Meadowhead School will be closed to Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students.**

We will be prioritising our Year 11 students, so all Year 11s will be expected to attend school on this day. Year 12 and 13 students will be expected to attend their trial exams as normal. All students who are educated offsite in alternative provision will also be expected to attend their provision as normal, unless told otherwise.

The learning arrangements for students in Year 7-10 will be sent to parents at a later stage. I'm aware that this strike action will cause a huge amount of disruption to schools and families nationally which is intentional and unavoidable. Please also know there are a number of restrictions on how remaining staff in schools can be used so contingency planning is complex and not without difficulty. I will write again with further details for Y7-10 and in the meantime, I thank all parents for their continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K Grewal-Joy  
Headteacher