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Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: NEU regional strike action affecting Meadowhead

As discussed in my letter in January, the National Education Union have voted in favour of strike action. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of March are the last planned days of strike action which will affect all schools in England and Wales. Due to the number of teachers expected to take strike action we are once again having to restrict student numbers in school as a normal school day is not possible for health and safety reasons. The arrangements for the days are as follows:

Year 12 and 13 students will be expected to attend lessons in school. However, some lessons will not run due to teachers taking strike action. If this is the case, students will be notified as soon as it is known that their teacher is absent.

Year 11 students will be required to attend school on both days. On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March students should arrive at their normal time (8.35am). On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March students should arrive at 9.35am.

**School will be closed to Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students.** Non-striking teachers will set work for their classes on Class Charts for students to complete at home. Students eligible for free school meals will be encouraged to collect a packed lunch at home time on Tuesday.

All students who are educated offsite in alternative provision will also be expected to attend their provision as normal, unless told otherwise.

I'm aware that once again, this strike action will cause an immense amount of disruption to schools and families across the country which is intentional. Please note that the exact number of teachers taking strike action will not be known to school leaders until the morning of the strike days which makes contingency planning extremely difficulty and problematic. We understand that these days will have an impact on your family but it is important to remember that this is a dispute between the NEU and the government. We are having to respond to the logistical challenge in the best way possible within the many restrictions in place.

I thank all parents for their continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

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