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Dear Parent/Carer

Industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU)

Further to my letter dated the 10 March 2023, the NEU will be taking two more days of industrial action in our region on **Thursday 27 April 2023** and **Tuesday 2 May 2023**.

How will the School respond to the industrial action?

Taking into account the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, I will take all reasonable steps to keep students and staff safe. I will also take all reasonable steps to keep the School open for as many students as possible. However, it is important to inform you that, based on the high number of teachers who took part in the previous strikes, I will have to restrict the number of students who can attend School on Thursday 27 April 2023 and Tuesday 2 May 2023. The following arrangements will be put in place on these days.

Which students must attend School as normal on Thursday 27 April 2023 and Tuesday 2 May 2023?

- Year 11 students
- Year 12 students
- Year 13 students

Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students should attend their lessons as normal on these days. In line with the NEU dispensation guidance, NEU members who are taking industrial action can set work for their examination classes i.e. students in Year 11 and Year 13. This is to minimise disruption to students preparing for their summer examinations.

If any of their teachers are taking part in the industrial action, students are expected to complete the work that has been set and to work independently using the resources available on site. All students should also come to School with work that they can complete if their teacher is not available. Post 16 students should use the usual work spaces that are available to them e.g. the library, the Independent Learning Centre and break-out spaces.

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Which students must stay at home on Thursday 27 April 2023 and Tuesday 2 May 2023?

- Year 7 students
- Year 8 students
- Year 9 students
- Year 10 students

Teachers who will not be on strike on Thursday 27 April 2023 and on Tuesday 2 May 2023 (non-NEU members) will set work for students in their classes only to complete at home via the Satchel system.

What about vulnerable students?

The School will prioritise places for vulnerable children and young people such as Children Looked After and those with an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in all year groups. If your child is vulnerable, and is in Year 7, 8, 9 or 10, you will be contacted by a member of staff who will offer your child a place in School next Thursday and on Tuesday 2 May 2023.

What if my child or children are entitled to free school meals but must stay at home?

The School will prepare packed lunches for those students entitled to free school meals.

To avoid preparing and potentially wasting food, please click on the link below so that we can plan how many packed lunches will be needed on **Thursday 27 April 2023** and **Tuesday 2 May 2023** . Please complete this form by **12.00 noon on Tuesday 25 April 2023** if possible.

Please click here

The Lowry Theatre Trip, Manchester, on Thursday 27 April 2023

This trip is covered by the NEU's dispensation guidance so it will go ahead as planned.

Forty students in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 will be participating in this visit. All these students should meet staff at the Glossop Road entrance to Upper School at 11.20am on this day. Students in Year 9 and Year 10 should make their way to School, from home, at the time specified ready to leave with the rest of the group.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Ms Linda Gooden
Headteacher