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Dear Parent/Carer

Industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU)

Further to my letter dated the 21 April 2023, the NEU will be taking two more days of industrial action in our region on **Wednesday 5 July 2023** and **Friday 7 July 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 Wednesday 5 July 2023 and Friday 7 July 2023. The following arrangements will be put in place on these days.

Which students must attend School as normal on Wednesday 5 July 2023 and Friday 7 July 2023?

- Year 12 students

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

Which students must stay at home on Wednesday 5 July 2023 and Friday 7 July 2023?

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

Year 11 and Year 13 students have left the School because they have completed their formal examinations.

Teachers who will not be on strike on Wednesday 5 July 2023 and Friday 7 July 2023 (non-NEU members) will set work for students in their classes only to complete at home via the Satchel system.

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Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students should attend their work experience placements as usual during the days of industrial action.

Senior staff and support staff will be available on site should they be required by a student or placement provider.

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 Years 7, 8 and 9. If your child is vulnerable, and is in Year 7, 8 or 9, you will be contacted by a member of staff who will offer your child a place in School on Wednesday 5 July 2023 and Friday 7 July 2023.

The Scholars Programme 2023 – Graduation trip to The University of Sheffield on Friday 7 July 2023

This trip will go ahead as planned.

Students should arrive at the Lower School site as normal in the morning and they will walk together, with members of staff, to The University of Sheffield.

The event will finish at 12.30pm and students will be expected to make their way home at this time. They can either make their own way home from The University of Sheffield Students' Union, on Durham Road, or walk with staff back to Lower School and depart from there. Parents and carers have already received a detailed letter about the arrangements.

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 **Wednesday 5 July 2023** and **Friday 7 July 2023**. Please complete this form by **12.00 noon on Friday 30 June 2023** if possible. The lunches can be collected from Lower School reception.

Please click here

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Ms Linda Gooden
Headteacher