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Dear Parent/Carer

Some members of the National Education Union (NEU) working in this school will be taking strike action on **Thursday 22nd February**. This is due to concerns of some staff regarding employment terms and conditions that the NEU see as part of the decision to transfer employment to a new employer.

I am disappointed that some members of the NEU have taken this approach, given that written assurances have been given regarding the maintenance of existing terms and conditions after transfer. The vast majority of secondary schools in the UK are already academies and staff in these schools are carrying on in providing education to children and are not on strike.

I have carefully assessed the implications of this for the safe operation of the school. I very much regret that I will not be able to educate any child in Years 7, 8, 9 or 10 and all pupils within the ASD provision on this day.

The school will remain open for all children in Year 11 and they should attend school from 08:30am as they will be sitting their English Language paper 2 and Science Physics paper 2 mock examinations. Pupils sitting the combined Science exam will be dismissed by 12:35pm and those sitting the separate Science exam will be dismissed by 1:10pm. Pupils on free school meals will receive a packed lunch during morning break.

I understand that this will cause you both disappointment and inconvenience, and I very much regret this action.

School will be open as usual on Friday 23rd February.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Gillian Dineen
Headteacher