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Dear Parents

Industrial Action: Thursday 24th April

You will probably be aware as a result of media coverage that industrial action is planned by members of the National Union of Teachers on Thursday 24th April. A large number of staff here are NUT members, and a good proportion of them will be taking part in the action on that day. The action means that classes normally taught by these teachers can only be supervised by senior staff, and that no specific work will be set for them to do in the lessons affected.

Reluctantly I have agreed with the governors that we cannot supervise students in all year groups who would not be taught while their teachers are taking action. At the same time we wish to minimise the effect on students who are approaching their exams. We will therefore expect all students in Years 10 and 11 and the Sixth Form to attend school as normal on Thursday. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 should not attend school on that day. School will resume as usual for all students on Friday.

I wish to emphasise that students in Years 10 and 11 and the Sixth Form can expect to be taught in most of their lessons during Thursday as normal. When students are due to have a lesson with a teacher who is taking industrial action, their class will be supervised by a senior member of staff. We ask you to ensure that your child(ren) come prepared to continue with supervised independent study in one or two lessons. Some students may find that they are not affected at all by the industrial action.

I apologise for the disruption caused to your child(ren)'s education, and appreciate your support over this matter.

Yours sincerely

Peter Costello
Headteacher

