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Dear Parent/Guardian

Strike Action - School Provision - Wednesday 1 February

Thank you for your patience whilst we conducted a risk assessment of our safe operational capacity in response to the National Education Union's announcement that teachers who are members have voted to take strike action. We have now completed the risk assessment for Wednesday 1 February, and unfortunately, we are unable to open fully to all students. Below outlines what we will be able to provide, taking into account our restricted capacity, and explains what all students should be doing on this day:

Identified students and children of keyworkers

A 'pop-up' provision will be provided for our identified students as outlined in the Department for Education guidance, and the children of *some* keyworkers. These students should attend school in full school uniform, complete with Tools for Learning and congregate in the Canteen at 8.40am. They will be taken to a computer room and supervised while completing work and activities directed to other students.

Students falling under the identified category will be invited directly by the school. Please note the ranking below for key workers, which will be used if we have to cap numbers due to a very limited number of staff working on this strike day.

1) Health and social care

Doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other **frontline** health and social care staff; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical equipment.

2) Education and childcare

Teachers, teaching assistants, school support staff - including premises and catering, social workers, specialist education providers, childcare staff.

3) Frontline emergency service workers

Police, fire and rescue, coastguard.

If you feel you meet the criteria for a keyworker <u>and</u> you intend to send your child to school on Wednesday 1 February, <u>please click on the link to complete the form</u>, giving as much detail as possible and return it to the school by 9am on Monday 30 January. If we are *unable* to provide a space for you for the strike day, we will call you by the end of the day on Monday.

Year 11

Students will be expected to attend school. They should bring their Tools for Learning and they will be following a timetable that will include Maths, English, Science, Art, History, Geography and revision.

Students should assemble in the AV at 8.40am.

Note – Year 11 students should attend these sessions in full school uniform.

For all other year groups, students are expected to remain at home and carry out an independent study day. Resources for each year group will be published early next week.

Thank you, again, for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Hartley Headteacher

