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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, Tuesday the 28th of February has been designated by members of the NEU as a strike day in Yorkshire and I am writing to update you on our plans.

Reflecting on the first strike day when we had children of Critical Workers, Vulnerable Students, Years 11, 12 and 13 in school we analysed the percentage of lessons that were affected:

	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Lessons affected	60%	66%	70%
Lessons as normal	40%	34%	30%

Over half our staff are in the NEU and the impact has been significant. The Government guidance remains to prioritise students about to undergo examinations, children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable Students.

As a result, we want to improve the provision for students in school so we will **only have Year 11 on site** on Tuesday 28th February.

Year 11 must enter through the back gate as we will be learning in the new Sixth Form building on this day.

All other Years will learn remotely but if their teacher is in school there will be a live element through Zoom. Year 12 and 13 will be briefed on Thursday morning. Students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 had this explained to them today and we shared our remote learning expectations:

- You must have your **camera on** at the beginning of the lesson.
- The register will be taken.
- Put your full name in on Zoom.
- You must be **fully dressed** (this doesn't need to be your school uniform) and ready to learn at 8:50.

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- Our behaviour expectations are the same as they would be in school.
- Have your microphone on mute and only unmute if asked.
- Only use the chat function if asked to.
- Be in an appropriate room and space at home to learn. (Not in a bathroom, not in bed, not outside).
- Do not have any personal information on show (blur or block your background, find a neutral wall).
- Do not share personal information or shout out private details.
- Keep family members out of the camera shot.
- Do not have offensive posters in background or offensive clothing on.
- Do not use your mobile phones whilst being taught.
- Do not use social media whilst the lesson is being taught.
- Do not share your classroom code with anyone not in your class.
- **LESSONS WILL BE RECORDED.**

If their teacher is absent, on a course, striking or not able to teach live (as they are involved in running the school) then their class will complete remote learning according to their Year group timetable. They will then complete tasks set. This will include our new Artificial Intelligence driven learning package Century Tech which will give bespoke learning tasks according to areas students need to develop.

Key Worker and Vulnerable Provision

Parents who have already contacted us about this ahead of the first strike day and parents of those students who attended on 1st February will be contacted in due course about their place for the 28th February 2023.

Further information will be sent in my Friday letter but I wanted to share what we were planning and why.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Dr Bell

Headteacher

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