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Dear Parent,

Teacher Strike Day Arrangements

Following on from my letter last week I would now like to confirm the school arrangements for the strike day called by the National Education Union on Wednesday, 1st February. I appreciate that this will have a challenging impact on families but when making contingency arrangements we need to conduct a health and safety risk assessment based on the provisional numbers of staff that we expect will be on school. As a result, I can confirm that the school will be closed to the vast majority of pupils. The only exceptions to this are:

1. Identified pupils who will be contacted by members of our pastoral support team.
2. Pupils in year 7 and 8 who have parents identified as critical workers such as those who work in the health or care sector and who can not make alternative childcare arrangements. These places must be requested in advance to ensure we have suitable supervision in place. You can do this via emailing the office on enquiries@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk and marking your email **critical worker request**. Please do this by Monday afternoon so arrangements can be made. Any pupil who is permitted to be in school must go directly to the hall on arrival.

The school will remain closed to all other pupils. Learning will take place via activities that are set on line if a teacher is not striking. Pupils should follow their normal timetable and log into teams and Show my Homework to check their work and participate in online lessons where possible.

Free school meals

If your daughter receives free school meals we will be providing an additional voucher in the same way as in the holiday times, to ensure your daughter has access to her free lunch.

Year 10 reporting evening

The 1st February is also the scheduled date for our Year 10 reporting evening. Due to the severe limit on the number of teachers that will be available I have also taken the decision to postpone this evening. I will write separately to Year 10 parents in the near future regarding arrangements.

These arrangements are for the 1st February. As a reminder the other scheduled strike days are Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday, 16th March. You may wish to start making contingency arrangements for the other scheduled dates but I will write to you closer to those dates to confirm updated arrangements. If for any reason the strikes are called off at the last moment then pupils should attend school as normal.

Training day change

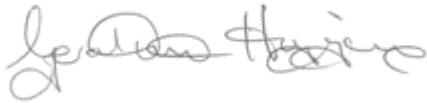
Our published calendar has a staff training day on Tuesday, 14th March. With the very real possibility of school being closed to a number of pupils on the 15th and 16th March due to strike action we will be moving that training day. Therefore, pupils should be in school on the 14th March to avoid 3 consecutive days missing from school. I will let you know the revised date once that is confirmed.



I apologise for the disruption that this information may cause you. It is very rare that such measures have taken place leading to school closures. I have no doubt that the amazing resilience shown by pupils over recent years and their ongoing commitment to their studies will help them at this time.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geraldine Higgins', written in a cursive style.

Geraldine A. Higgins
Executive Headteacher