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Dear Parent/Carer,

I did not report to you the resolution of our start-of-term energy issues but you will have gathered that the electricians solution proved to be the correct (very expensive) one and the gas issue in the canteen was resolved by the end of the week. It made us all appreciate hot food again in the cold weather!

I write today to address what you will have heard in the media, that the NEU is planning to take strike action on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March 2023

If the strike action goes ahead, it is unlikely that we will be able to admit all pupils on any given strike day. I have been assessing the impact for **Wednesday 1st February**, in the first instance, since it is less than two weeks away.

A significant proportion of our teachers are members of the NEU and although some of them may choose not to strike, it is inevitable that we will not be able to admit all year groups. As you would imagine, we will prioritise those year groups which are nearest to their public examinations to ensure that they are not disadvantaged.

I will write again next week when I have a clearer picture of what we will be able to safely provide but I would **strongly encourage parents of students in years 7-9 to consider contingency child-care arrangements** in the event that we are not able to admit your child on Wednesday 1st February.

Best wishes,

Steve Elphick