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Dear families

Industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU) / Data and Planning Days

As per our previous letters, one of the teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), is planning strike action over the next couple of months. This is a national strike regarding a dispute between unions and the government over teachers' pay.

The NEU has given notice to us that strikes will likely impact Dixons McMillan Academy on 15 March and 16 March.

Whilst we believe discussions are ongoing between unions and the government, which could see some strikes cancelled, we have had to make plans for 15 and 16 March on the assumption that action will be taken on that date. Having considered the number of teachers at school who are members of the NEU, we have made the difficult decision to **partially close** the school on this date. School will **remain open for Year 11** who are preparing for their GCSEs. In addition to Year 11, we will also be open to any students in years 7 to 10 who require enhanced support from school. We will confirm directly with those families whose children will be able to attend school. We have decided to restrict access in this way to ensure we can provide an appropriate level of supervision, education and ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of those in school.

For those children not in school, work completion documents and booklets will be provided which will be collected in on Friday 17 March

If your child is in receipt of free school meals (FSM) and you require a pack lunch to support you on 15 and 16 March, please let Mr Greenwood know no later than the end of the day on Friday 10 March. You can call main reception or email him: jgreenwood@dixonsma.com

If there are changes to our plan for responding to the proposed industrial action, we will advise you as soon as possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind families that we have our Cycle 2 data and planning days on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 March. School will be **closed to all students** on both of these days.

We wanted to communicate as soon as possible so you can plan accordingly. Thank you, as always, for your patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully



Kat Lang
Principal



