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Dear Parent

Strike Action on Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July 2023

As you will likely be aware, the NEU teaching union is instructing its teaching members to take part in national strike action for two further days during this term. The next scheduled strikes are planned for 5 and 7 July 2023. This action is as a direct result of the NEU and its members being in dispute with the government over teachers' pay. It is not directed at Formby High School as an employer.

Like all schools, a high proportion of our teachers are members of the NEU. On the basis of the information I currently have available and having conducted a risk assessment based on this information, it is my conclusion that it will not be possible to provide education to students in school on 5 and 7 July as I am not confident that we can ensure their health, safety and well-being.

As with previous strike days, I have been liaising closely with Mr McGarry, Headteacher at Range High School. Throughout this period of industrial action, we have always sought to adopt a similar approach across the two schools but on this occasion I know that he intends to open school to some students whereas this is not possible for us to do.

Some work will be set for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 via Class Charts. Students should endeavour to complete this work whilst at home on 5 and 7 July.

The Year 12 visit to the University of Cambridge on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 July will continue as planned.

Students' attendance figures will not be affected as a result of school closing to them on 5 and 7 July 2023. If your child is eligible for free school meals and you would like a small food parcel to be provided on the days that school is closed, please complete this brief MS Forms questionnaire and a meal will be prepared for your child to take home from school on 4 and 6 July.

I appreciate that this situation is far from ideal and I am sorry for any disruption it causes but please understand that the safety and welfare of everyone on the school site has to take priority.

I very much hope that the dispute between the teaching unions and the government is brought to a swift and definite conclusion. If the dispute is resolved before 5 July, school will open as normal and I will write to you to let you know.

Yours sincerely

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