



NNO/JBI
26 January 2023

Dear Blaise Families,

I am writing to update you of our plans to manage the forthcoming planned national and local industrial action, which has been announced by the National Education Union (NEU). The first of these dates is scheduled for **Wednesday 1st February**.

I want to give our families as much notice as possible about potential disruption on these dates. This letter will outline the most likely plan for Wednesday using the most current information I have about predicted staffing levels. However, I will write to you to confirm the final arrangements next week. I understand that this will inconvenience families and appreciate that you will want to know how this will affect your child/ren so that you can plan any alternative childcare arrangements. Protecting the health and safety of our pupils is our first priority. My decision takes into account the number of teaching staff taking strike action, and the impact on the pupil to staff ratio as well as the number of staff able to take on additional responsibilities.

We cannot guarantee that we will be able to open the school fully on this date. The school will remain open for the following **Year 11, the Resource Base, and identified students** who will be contacted in due course.

Year groups who are in school will learn as normal and catering will be available on site. Blaise Breakfast will be in place, but **period 6 will not happen for Year 11**. Students learning at home will be provided with a timetable that will be sent to you next week. It will require students to log on at home and access online lessons. Rewards will be on offer for those who work the hardest.

Free School Meals will still be available to all children who are eligible for them and can be collected from the dining hall between 13:25 and 14:00.

I will write to you in due course regarding future planned Industrial Action.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Nabarro
Headteacher

