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Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union has declared strike action which will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Tuesday 28th February
- Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the NEU and the government about pay and conditions and about school funding for pay awards and its effect on retaining the best staff in the profession to teach our students.

We have carefully worked through a thorough risk assessment and consulted the Department of Education Guidance so that we can be sure we have taken all reasonable steps to keep the school open to as many students as possible. I am therefore able to confirm our plans for **Wednesday 1st February** based on the most recent available information.

- School will be **open** as normal for all **Year 11 students**. School will be closed to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.
- As directed by the DfE, we have prioritised Year 11 students because they are due to take public examinations.
- Year 11 will follow their exam timetable and will sit the planned Student Tracking 2 exams. Morning: **DIT** (external exam) or English Language. Afternoon: Chemistry.
- There will be no Further Maths or Intervention lessons on Wednesday evening.
- Students in Years 7-10 will follow their timetable at home by accessing the lessons that are available on Google Classrooms or Teams. The curriculum overviews [here](#) show which lessons students are studying. If students need any support with working remotely, please contact admin@leftwichhigh.com
- Please note that we may need to amend the curriculum offer on the day if the attendance of staff is not in line with current expectations.
- For identified students who require additional support, we will contact those families directly regarding arrangements.
- The Kitchen will be open for hot and cold food for those students on site.
- For students who are in receipt of free school meals but not in school, a voucher will be available to collect from the Finance office on Tuesday or Wednesday.

We understand that parents/carers may respond differently to the difficulties of this situation. We ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with kindness and understanding as we navigate a national issue. We are committed to providing a safe and secure environment and to delivering high-quality lessons to support our students. The arrangements will be reviewed and evaluated ahead of any future strike action.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Warburton'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Mr R Warburton
Headteacher