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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) have called for strike action on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023.

Wednesday 5th July 2023 is the City of York Year 6 transition day. This is the day that Year 6 pupils will visit school prior to them starting in September.

The day is very important and in line with all York's secondary schools, we will continue to run the day although we will need to make adaptations to our normal practices.

Pupils in geography classes 8h/Gg-B and 8h/Gg-C with surnames A to S are due to go on a geography field trip on this day and we are pleased that this will happen; pupils will visit Flamborough Head and should arrive at school as normal.

Prioritising Year 6 attendance and the geography field trip means that we will not have capacity to bring any other year groups into school except Year 12 who will be sitting examinations.

On Friday 7th July we have several residential trips going out of school. These are:

- History battlefield trip to Ypres
- PE trip to Wimbledon
- Biology fieldwork trip to East Barnby

The level of staffing we will have remaining in school means that again, we can only accommodate Year 12 in school.

We will contact parents and carers of identified students in all years with specific needs who will be invited into school on both the 5th and 7th July 2023.

As in previous strike days, if your child's teacher is taking strike action, they will access work from Oak National Academy. If their teacher is not taking strike action, their lessons will be via TEAMS. This will be a 'live' taught lesson by their usual teacher. The lesson will last for 50 minutes, starting 5 minutes later than their normal timetabled lesson. PE and PD lessons will not be live streamed. Other work will be set.

The NEU has requested talks with the Education Secretary, but these have not been forthcoming. If there is a change in the current situation, I will of course communicate this with you.

I fully understand the disruption to families and apologise for the inconveniences these changes to provision cause. No one takes industrial action lightly, the concerns around many aspects of education policy are very real for those involved in education and wider society.

I hope meaningful talks between government and unions can commence to discuss the very pressing concerns we all share.

As always, we appreciate your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,



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