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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will likely be aware, the NEU Teaching Union is instructing its teaching members to take part in national strike action on four days this term: 1st February, 28th February, 15th and 16th March. I think it important to stress again, as previously, that this action is as a direct result of the NEU and its members being in dispute with the government, it is not directed at Range High School as an employer. Like all schools, we have a number of teachers who are members of the NEU and I now have some information relating to the number of colleagues who will be on strike on the third and fourth days of the action- the 15th and 16th March. As promised in my previous letter, I am now getting in touch to give you some advance warning.

Having the best information to hand and having conducted a risk assessment based on this information and working in close conjunction with Mr Mackenzie at Formby High, it is my conclusion that it will not be possible to provide full time education on the 15th and 16th March here at school for students in Years 7 to 10 and to be able to ensure everyone's safety is maintained. There are strict limitations on what staff not striking can and can't do in such a situation and this of course further inhibits the smooth running of the school. Having discussed it with the Chair of Trustees, we have agreed that the school will be closed to students in Years 7-10 on both days. Colleagues on strike are not required to set work but some generic work that can be accessed from home will be set on ClassCharts for all students in each of those year groups- further details will be forthcoming. Your child's attendance figure will not be reduced as a result of this decision.

I can confirm, that although there will be some disruption, the vast majority of lessons in Y13 will go ahead on both days and all students in Y13 should attend school as normal. We are able to accommodate most lessons for Y12 on Thursday 16th. Y12 students should attend school as normal on that day but study from home on Wednesday 15th. Mrs Phillips will give further instructions to all students in the Sixth Form this week. Due to the timetable that week, we are also able to cover the majority of lessons on Wednesday 15th for Y11 therefore they should attend school as normal on that day. Y11 should not come into school on Thursday 16th but instead should use this as a home study day, again information will be provided in terms of study materials and resources for that day.

	Wed 15th	Thurs 16th
Year 7 to 10	Not in school	Not in school
Year 11	Lessons taking place	Not in school
Year 12	Not in school	Lessons taking place
Year 13	Lessons taking place	Lessons taking place



If your child is eligible for free school meals, we will release a £3 voucher per pupil per day. This will be actioned through a company called SchoolVouchers.com. You will receive either an email or text that contains the voucher application; you select the supermarket you wish to use and a voucher is then issued electronically to you for use with the retailer of your choice.

I appreciate that this situation is far from ideal and I am sorry for any disruption this causes but please understand that the health and safety of everyone on the school site is of the utmost importance.

I can only hope that negotiations between the teaching unions and the government will bring all planned industrial action to a swift conclusion. Obviously if the dispute was to be resolved before the 15th/16th March, school would re-open as normal. In the event of such a scenario, I will be in touch.

Again, I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause but once again reiterate that the safety and safeguarding of everyone on site is paramount at all times.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McGarry", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Mike McGarry
Headteacher