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# Ripon Grammar School

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25 January 2023

Dear Parents

You may be aware that the NEU (National Education Union) have declared planned strike action in their dispute over pay with the government. Planned strike dates are as follows:

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

The school is committed to your child's health, safety and well-being and therefore we will be undertaking a risk assessment to consider the potential impact of the strike and whether we can safely open the school as usual on the above dates. If the school has to limit the number of students on the school site, in line with government guidance, attendance would be prioritised for:

- Vulnerable students
- Children of critical workers
- Students with upcoming assessments/examinations.

At present I cannot confirm precisely what impact the strike next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February will have on the normal operations of the school. However, indications suggest that the school will remain open for all year groups and that the majority of classes will continue to be taught. Where colleagues are away on that day we will endeavour to cover classes or provide alternative provision in school. It would be sensible for all students to bring extra work and reading material as a contingency.

I will update parents if there is any change to this guidance and confirm, as best I can, the operational capacity of the school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Yours sincerely

**Jonathan M Webb**  
**Headmaster**