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Dear Parents/Carers

## NATIONAL STRIKE ACTION UPDATE

As you may be aware, national strike action by the National Education Union (NEU) is planned for Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May. Millthorpe School and South Bank MAT fully respect the rights of our staff to take lawful strike action; we live in a democracy and this is something that we feel should be protected.

Once again, we have gathered any information we can regarding the number of staff who are taking strike action on these dates so we can give you as much notice as possible whether the school provision for your children will be affected to enable you to make arrangements for childcare should this be necessary.

**On both Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May, we will only be able to open to vulnerable students and students in Years 7 and 11.**

Students in Year 7 will be in school all day on both days but may have many lessons that are disrupted and will be completing other activities throughout the day. Students should attend school in outdoor PE kit (plus tracksuit bottoms if they wish) and bring their boots suitable for use on the Artificial Grass Pitch (moulded studs).

Year 11 will also be in school all day on both days and may also have disrupted lessons. They should wear uniform and bring with them sufficient materials to carry out supervised revision during any times they are not in lessons.

We will contact the families of vulnerable students directly.

For students who are not able to attend on these days, we encourage you to use the time wisely and consider it an opportunity to catch up on any outstanding homework and/or revise and revisit learning, especially if you are expecting any assessments in the next few weeks.

Whilst this is a difficult situation for all concerned, we believe this arrangement provides the right balance between respecting the principles of industrial action and allowing parents and carers to plan for the implications of it. As a family of schools we will do all that we can to support both our staff and the parents and carers of our pupils.

Yours faithfully

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