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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 **Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July**. 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.

**Wednesday 5 July** is transition day for Year 6 students across the city. All the schools in York have agreed that this important event should go ahead as planned. As a result, **Millthorpe will be closed to all current year groups on that day** to allow students joining us in September to familiarise themselves with secondary school and meet some of their prospective teachers.

On **Friday 7 July**, we had planned a Year 8 Geography trip to Flamborough. It will no longer be possible to run this trip and, because of tide times, it won't be possible to reschedule it before the summer. We will therefore refund Year 8 parents/carers for the cost of this trip. The Geography department are looking in to the possibility of running some kind of fieldwork trip next year.

AS with previous strike days, we are planning to have **Year 7 students only in for this day**. As coaches are already booked and partially paid for, we have decided to run the Geography field trip to Bolton Abbey for all Year 7 students on this day. Details of the trip will be sent out separately to year 7 parents/carers.

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 revisit learning.

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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