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Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure you will now be aware, one of the countries largest teaching unions, the NEU, have announced that their members will be taking strike action on four separate occasions in February and March. These dates are currently scheduled as Wednesday 1 February, Tuesday 28 February, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March.

Whilst the exact numbers of Mount St Mary's colleagues who will be taking strike action is yet to be determined, this will undoubtedly impact upon some aspects of our school provision. I write to assure you that whilst supporting colleagues in their right to take industrial action, I will equally strive to ensure that provision for our students is safeguarded as far as is possible. However, Wednesday 1 February, as you know, was scheduled to be our Progress Review Day for the whole school. In an effort to protect what we believe to be a hugely important occasion in the school calendar for students, parents and staff alike, I am afraid we will have to re-schedule this event for Thursday 2 February, following exactly the same processes. Could I also bring to your attention that there will be staff training during period 6 of Wednesday 1 February, consequently students will finish school at 2.10pm on that day.

A separate communication will be sent out on Monday seeking to confirm your ability to attend your appointment on the Thursday or whether there will be a need for a re-scheduling due to the change in day. Please accept my sincere apologies for this disruption, but I assure you I will maintain communication as regards future strike dates.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Cooper

Headteacher