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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that to date, there has been no breakthrough in the on-going national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and working conditions. The National Education Union (NEU) are continuing with their strike action, which is planned to take place on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.

We are writing to give you as much notice as possible, about our arrangements for the two planned days of strikes. We have not taken this decision lightly, however, we must ensure that we have adequate staff in each phase to safeguard our pupils and students.

- Calder Primary School will be open as normal for all primary year groups.
- Calder High School will only be open to Year 11 on both days to support them in their preparation for their GCSEs.

School buses are planned to continue to run as usual, however, please note that Wednesday 15th March is also planned to be a national strike day for other public sector workers, so there may be some disruption to services including trains on that day.

Students in Years 7-10 will be able to access on-line learning on these two days. They will be able to access their set work via their TEAMS accounts.

We are sorry for the disruption on these days and we understand that the situation may be frustrating. We respectfully ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other courteously. The Calder Learning Trust remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, students and staff.

We are working closely with local union representatives, to keep up to date with the situation. If there are any changes and the strikes are cancelled, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Calder Primary School

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