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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable break over the holidays. We would also like to wish all our families who are celebrating the end of Ramadan, Eid Mubarak.

We are writing to you to inform you that the National Education Union (NEU) has confirmed that members will take national strike action on 27th April and 2nd May, as there has been no breakthrough in the on-going national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and working conditions.

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 open for Class R (Reception) and Class 3 (Year 5 and 6) ONLY and closed for the other classes.
- Calder High School will only be open to Year 11 on both days to support them in their preparation for their GCSEs.
- The Duke of Edinburgh expedition will go ahead as planned
- Some Year 10 activities which have been pre-arranged will continue to run, such as the catering activity.
- Primary breakfast and after-school clubs will run as normal, for those pupils who are in school.

School buses are planned to continue to run as usual. Students in Years 1-4 and 7-10 will be able to access on-line learning on these two days. Primary work will be on our website under 'remote learning' and Secondary will be able to access their set work via their TEAMS accounts.

We are very 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. It is still possible that other teaching unions will ballot to join strike action, which could therefore change things, or that negotiations will enable strike action to be cancelled. If there are any changes at all we will inform you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lambert

Head of Calder Primary School

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Head of Calder High School

Everybody, Everyday

