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Dear Parents

I hope we find you well and you have had an enjoyable break over the holidays. We would also like to wish all our families celebrating the end of Ramadan, Eid Mubarak.

We are writing to you to inform you that the NEU has confirmed that members will take national strike action on 27 April and 2 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 High School will only be open to Year 11 students on both days to support them in preparation for their GCSEs.

School buses are planned to continue to run as usual. 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.

Unfortunately, due to strike action, we are having to cancel the **Year 8 Parents Evening**. This is most regrettable as this would be the first face to face opportunity to meet your child's teachers. Due to this we are re-scheduling this for Thursday 11 May.

May we also take this opportunity to remind parents to be careful when parking in residential areas around school. Our neighbours find it frustrating when they are not able to access their vehicles due to parental parking.

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,

Mrs Lambert

Head of Calder Primary School

Mr Taylor

Head of Calder High School

Everybody, Everyday

