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## Industrial Action

Dear Parents / Carers,

You may be aware from recent media coverage that one of the largest teaching unions, the NEU, has voted for industrial action. This means that some teachers in Burnage Academy for Boys will be on strike on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

When teachers vote to take strike action, other teachers cannot be compelled to provide teaching cover for their colleagues. This is stated very clearly by the Department for Education.

Where a school does not have enough teaching staff available to open to all pupils, the Department for Education has advised that we prioritise opening the school for children who are considered to be vulnerable, the children of key workers and those taking exams this year.

**On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Burnage Academy for Boys will be closed to most pupils.**

### Year 11 Pupils

Year 11 pupils can attend school, in full uniform at the normal time. There will be no Y11 lessons taught by teaching staff; however, all Y11 pupils can attend site and will be supervised to complete independent study and focussed revision to support their preparation for GCSE exams.

If you would prefer your Y11 son to work at home, please inform school by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January by using the MyEd app, which is free for families to use. Alternatively, please call the attendance team on 0161 432 1527, option 1.

### Vulnerable pupils

Pupils from all year groups whom we consider would be vulnerable by not being in school, will be in school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Pupils must attend in full uniform at the normal time. Parents and carers of these pupils will be contacted separately.

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## Children of key workers

If you are a key worker, for example a member of NHS staff, please inform school by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January by using the MyEd app, which is free for families to use. Alternatively, please call the attendance team on 0161 432 1527, option 1 and your son will be able to be in school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Pupils must attend in full uniform at the normal time.

## Pupils entitled to free school meals who are not in school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

We will provide the equivalent financial contribution for your son's free school meal. This will be sent to you electronically.

We recognise that parents and carers may feel anxious about perceived disruption to their son's education; however, we will ensure your son has access to excellent materials to support his learning at home on the strike day. We have attached an information sheet for KS3 pupils about remote learning.

Pupils in Y10 will be provided with work directly linked to their KS4 courses.

Further strike action is planned by the NEU, and potentially more teaching unions, on the following dates:

- 28<sup>th</sup> February
- 15<sup>th</sup> March
- 16<sup>th</sup> March

We will be in touch closer to these dates, with an update on whether these days of strike action are taking place.

We thank you for your understanding in supporting our teachers' right to take strike action. It is not a decision that is taken lightly. We have attached a leaflet provided by the NEU, which outlines why teachers are striking.

If you have any questions relating to the upcoming strike day, please contact [office@burnage.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:office@burnage.manchester.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,



K Harrison  
**Headteacher**