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Dear Parents and Carers,

Teacher Strikes

You are probably aware that the National Educational Union are planning a further 2 days of teacher strikes. The first of these is next **Wednesday 5th July**, then again on **Friday 7th July**.

Once again, we expect a significant number of our teaching staff to be on strike and we respect their legal right to do so. Of course, the government stance on Teacher's pay and educational funding could change over the coming days, which could therefore influence what happens. However, we expect to be open to one year group as well as a small number of pupils from the other 3 year groups each day. **The Year 8 London residential visit will not be affected by the strikes and will go ahead as planned.**

On Wednesday 5th we will be OPEN to Year 5 pupils

School will be closed to most other pupils, with the following exceptions:

- Children with a Social Worker
- Children with an EHCP
- Children of Critical Workers - Parents/carers who are have the following roles only: Frontline NHS / emergency services staff / Teachers. Critical Worker places **MUST** be agreed in advance by emailing details to admin@highfield.northumberland.sch.uk by 12 noon on Monday 3rd July.

On Friday 7th we will be OPEN to Year 7 pupils

School will be closed to most other pupils, with the following exceptions:

- Children with a Social Worker
- Children with an EHCP
- Children of Critical Workers - Parents/carers who are have the following roles only: Frontline NHS / emergency services staff / Teachers. Critical Worker places **MUST** be agreed in advance by emailing details to admin@highfield.northumberland.sch.uk by 12 noon on Wednesday 5th July.

Pupils who are not attending can access learning resources from home at the following websites:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

They can also enjoy reading their (Accelerated Reader) school book or a book from home. Year 5 and 6 pupils can also access their usual Doodle Maths/Doodle Tables online.

If your child is entitled to a place in school, they should attend. If they will be absent on the day, please follow the usual absence procedures and inform the school.

If your child is not in school on the day, but entitled to Free School Meals, they can take a packed lunch home the day before each strike. Please order via email (admin@highfield.northumberland.sch.uk) by 12 noon on Monday 3rd July, stating your child's name and their preference for either a cheese, ham or tuna sandwich, so that we have time to organise this.

Regards
Richard Oades
Headteacher