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Dear Parent/Carers

24th January 2023

Re: Strike Action

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) has confirmed they intend to take strike action on:

- Wednesday 01 February 2023,
- Wednesday 01 March 2023,
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

I am therefore, writing to give you as much notice as possible of the likely impact of the action on Amber Valley & Erewash Support Centre.

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not Esteem Multi-Academy Trust, it is important that we respond accordingly. As such, the senior leadership team at Amber Valley & Erewash Support Centre has been working closely with staff in order to plan for these days. At this stage, we understand that a limited number of colleagues will be taking industrial action.

We have looked at the school timetable for these days to ensure we can still manage the safe supervision of students while minimising the impact on learning with reduced staffing levels in place. Therefore, if the strike action goes ahead, our school can remain open and we will put the following arrangements in place:

- KS4 students based at Sawley to attend as normal
- KS3 students based at Bennerley to attend as normal
- The Bennerley site will be partially closed to KS2 students. The KS2 students who access 1-2-1 timetables will be required to attend whilst the site will be closed to all other KS2 students. The school will contact parents/carers for those students who are expected to attend.
- Specialised Transport and dual registered schools have been informed. Taxis for students not required to attend on Wednesday 1st February 2023 have been cancelled.
- APT students should attend unless instructed otherwise by their keyworker

I apologise for the need to make changes to the school day and for any inconvenience this causes you. You will see that we have ensured that the changes required are only limited. It appears unlikely that the proposed industrial action will be averted, but if this were to happen, I will write to you to confirm that the school will be open as usual.



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If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01158 500820.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Wildrienne
Interim Headteacher
Part of Esteem Multi-Academy Trust