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MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you on behalf of SNMAT to provide an update with regard to the teachers' strike action and how this will impact The Samworth Church Academy.

You will be aware that one of the teaching unions (The National Education Union) has voted to strike on a number of days in the months of February and March. The maximum number of strike days at present is four. The days identified for strike action by the National Education Union are:

- 1 February
- 1 March
- 15 March
- 16 March

At this stage, the strike action will mean that the academy will be closed to pupils in Year 9 and 10 on these days. We recommend that you begin to make alternative childcare arrangements for these days. It is unlikely that we will be able to provide any Teams lessons for students on those days but students should complete any homework and tasks set and already made available by their teachers wherever possible. BBC Bitesize is also a good place for students to go over topics they have already studied this year.

Please also note that period 6, detentions and isolations will not take place for any year groups during these days.

A small number of students from these year groups will be invited into school due to their personal circumstances. You will be contacted about this on Friday 27th January if your child is in this group. If your child receives free school meals they will be able to collect a packed lunch from the restaurant when they leave school the day the before (Tuesday 31st January at 2.35pm).

Please rest assured that this has happened as a last resort and we will keep the situation under review to keep as many students in school as possible on later strike days.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Moodie".

Chris Moodie
CEO SNMAT