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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, the National Education Union has called for additional industrial action to take place on 27th April and 2nd May. This is as a result of the failure of negotiations between the teaching unions and the government on pay and school funding.

The effect of the industrial action on 27th April and 2nd May is likely to be similar to that of the action taken on 15th and 16th March. Therefore, the school will again be partially closed on 27th April and 2nd May. However, the arrangements for year groups will be different to those on previous strike days. Please note that the arrangements on 27th April will be as follows:

- Y13 and Y11 students will attend school as normal. In situations where Y13 lessons cannot take place due to staff absence, students will be able to use the lesson time to revise, complete research or work on coursework/practical projects in the school library or Sixth Form study areas. Where Y11 students do not have their normal lessons, they will be asked to carry out revision and exam practice, and will be supervised in their normal teaching spaces. It is essential that all Y11 students bring plenty of revision materials with them so that they do useful independent work, where necessary.
- Y12 students will not have internal assessments on the 27th April as originally planned. The first day of the internal assessment programme for Y12s will be switched to 26th April. On the 27th, Y12s will have a study day which they can take at home. They should focus on preparing for their upcoming assessments.
- Y10 students will be in school on 27th April and will have internal assessments during the day, as the assessments originally scheduled for 26th April will be switched to 27th April. During Period 2, most Y10 students will not have assessments. At this time, they will be in supervised study and will have the opportunity to prepare for their afternoon assessments. They should bring relevant revision materials with them.
- Y7-Y9 students will be at home for the day on 27th April. The school will send out further details about arrangements for work to be done by students in these year groups on that day.
- A small number of students from a range of year groups will be invited to attend school, where they will receive bespoke support. Families of these students will be contacted directly.

Please note that the school Dining Hall will be open at break and lunch on 27th April and will be serving food as normal for those students who are in school.

I have had numerous conversations with staff about the upcoming industrial action and would say that – for those staff who will take industrial action on the 27th – this has been a hard decision. They are torn between the desire to support their students and the desire to support action that they feel must be taken. They feel that striking is necessary in order to protest against a pay and funding deal that they believe will leave teachers and schools significantly worse off. All of the staff at Farlingaye know that the best place for

our students to be on a term-time day is in school. We very much hope that the dispute can be resolved soon in order to make this a day-to-day reality again.

If you have any questions about any of the above information, please contact me at Farlingaye.

Yours sincerely,

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