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Dear Parent/Carer,

As a follow up to my letter of 19th April regarding the additional industrial action planned to take place on 27th April and 2nd May, I would like to clarify the arrangements for year groups for 2nd May, and to confirm the arrangements for work for Y7-Y9 students on 27th April. These arrangements will be as follows:

- Y13 and Y11 students will attend school as normal on **2nd May**. 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 have internal assessments on **2nd May** as originally planned.
- Y7-Y10 students will be at home for the day on **2nd May**. While students whose teachers are absent for any reason on that day will not have work set by those teachers, all students will have work set on Teams by teachers who are working on that day and would have been teaching them had their year group been in school. Students will need to check their Teams Assignments on 2nd May for each of their timetabled subjects to find out if work has been set by their teachers.
- Please note that the arrangements described above for Y7-Y10 students are different to the established pattern from previous days of industrial action, when – due to the rules in place that protect staff from being required to set work for the classes of colleagues absent due to industrial action – there had been no expectation that staff would set work for Y7-Y10 students. I would like to clarify that there is still no expectation that staff will set work for lessons which are not being taught due to staff absence. Therefore, there will be variation in the provision for students in Years 7-10 on the 2nd, and I recognise that this may cause some concern. However, resources and tasks focusing on careers that are substantial enough to ‘plug gaps’ in the students’ days are in the process of being prepared by senior staff. These will be ready for the 2nd, and so all students will have useful and developmental work to do for that day, even if they do not have work set by their class teachers for every lesson. More information will follow regarding how to access these resources and tasks.

- Students from all years can continue to complete homework from Teams that has been set prior to 2nd May, and Y10 students can revise and work on coursework/practical projects. All students can access online resources such as MyMaths, Seneca and BBC Bitesize. There are also useful resources for all key stages available via the [Oak Academy](#). **Please note that work from these sources should also be accessed by Y7-Y9 students on 27th April, as on previous days of industrial action.**
- 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 2nd May and will be serving food as normal for those students who are in school.

As noted in my letter of 19th April, no staff members at Farlingaye want the current situation regarding industrial action to continue. However, as there has been no movement at all at national level towards resolution of the issues at hand, there is currently no end to this ongoing dispute in sight. We very much hope that will change over the next few weeks and months.

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

Yours sincerely,

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