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Dear Parents / Carers

Update on Industrial Action by the National Union of Teachers and the NASUWT

I am writing to inform you of developments in the situation regarding strike action by the National Union of Teachers (NUT) and the NASUWT. After I wrote to you last week I received notification from the NUT that they intended to call an additional day of action on Wednesday 3rd May. This day had not been previously notified and would have meant that, as staff from two unions would be on strike, the school would be forced to fully close on 3rd May.

There have, however, been further developments since the NUT sent their latest notification. The school has been in negotiations with both the NUT and the NASUWT to seek to avoid strike action. These negotiations have been conducted in good faith in order to address the concerns of both unions' membership, predominantly around workload. I am pleased to be able to inform you that, following negotiations with the school, the Local Authority and regional representatives of the NASUWT, we received notification from that union late on Friday that they are withdrawing their strike action on Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th April and Wednesday 3rd May.

Negotiations with NUT representatives have, unfortunately, not resulted in that union feeling able to call off their strike action.

Given the above, the school is now able to partially open on 25th & 26th April and 3rd May with arrangements as follows:-

- Year 11 students in school for a combination of taught lessons and exam preparation sessions.
- Years 12 & 13 students by arrangement with their teachers.
- Year 10 students in school if their lessons are able to be taught – *please see the attached sheet for full details*. Supervised study areas will be provided for them throughout the day, and they are free to leave the site following their final lesson of the day. It would be most beneficial to students to come prepared with study work to do during these supervised study periods, to make best use of the time available.
- Appropriate work for boys in Years 7, 8, 9 may be accessed at home through a combination of the school's Virtual Learning Environment at www.foresthillschool.co.uk and the BBC Bitesize website at www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesize

Please accept my apologies for the short notification about the above changes, and for the fact that we are unable to fully open the school on 3rd May as we had originally planned. I will always endeavour to inform you with as much notice as possible about developments in the situation which affect your son/daughter. The school's overriding priority at this time is to ensure that we provide the best possible offer for students. I am sorry about the ongoing disruption to your son/daughter's education. Please be assured that the school continues to work to quickly bring the current period of damaging strike action to an end.

Yours sincerely

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Year 10 taught lessons

Tuesday 25th April

<i>Period 1</i>	<i>Period 2</i>	<i>Period 3</i>	<i>Period 4</i>	<i>Period 5</i>	<i>Period 6</i>
German 10D/Gd1 (222)	German 10D/Gd1 (222)	Double Science 10G/Ds2 (316)	Double Science 10F/Ds1 (316)	Art 10B/Ar1 (075)	Art 10C/Ar1 (074)
German 10D/Gd2 (111)	German 10D/Gd2 (111)		Maths 10Y/Ma3 (221)	Business Studies 10B/Bs1 (221)	Business Studies 10C/Bs1 (221)
Spanish 10D/Sp1 (110)	Spanish 10D/Sp1 (110)		Maths 10Y/Ma4 (210)	Food Technology 10B/Fn1 (048)	
Spanish 10D/Sp2 (123)	Spanish 10D/Sp2 (123)		Maths 10Y/Ma5 (219)	History 10B/Hs4 (112)	
Geography 10D/Ge1 (106)	Geography 10D/Ge1 (106)				
History 10D/Hs1 (104)	History 10D/Hs1 (104)				
IT 10D/It1 (145)	IT 10D/It1 (145)				

Wednesday 26th April and Wednesday 3rd May

<i>Period 1</i>	<i>Period 2</i>	<i>Period 3</i>	<i>Period 4</i>	<i>Period 5</i>	<i>Period 6</i>
Games 10F/Ga2	Games 10F/Ga2	Chemistry 10G/Ch1 (228)	Games 10G/Ga2	Art 10C/Ar2 (257)	Art 10C/Ar2 (257)
Games 10F/Ga3	Games 10F/Ga3	Games 10G/Ga2	Games 10G/Ga3	Business Studies 10C/Bs1 (145)	Business Studies 10C/Bs1 (145)
Games 10F/Ga5	Games 10F/Ga5	Games 10G/Ga3	Games 10G/Ga4		
Double Science 10G/Ds2 (316)	Double Science 10G/Ds2 (228)	Games 10G/Ga4			
Double Science 10G/Ds3 (226)	Double Science 10G/Ds3 (226)				
	RE 10G/Re5 (205)				

If you are unsure whether/when your son is due to lessons, please contact the school for clarification.