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Dear parents, carers and all in the Chessington School community

I write to you from our hotel in Austria hearing 80 of Chessington's finest, laughing, socialising and reflecting on a cracking first few days skiing. We have repeatedly been told by instructors and hotel staff that our children are helpful, polite and certainly the best kids in the hotel; we were not surprised!

As I am sure you are aware, the current industrial dispute concerning teacher pay, school funding, workload etc is ongoing. National Education Union members have rejected the pay proposal put forward recently, as they have said this would represent a budget cut for schools and reduction in resources for students.

So, as a result, there is confirmed industrial action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. The NEU has also said there may be three additional strikes later in the summer term.

The NEU has stated that it wishes to minimise disruption to lessons for year 11 and 13 students, and will work with headteachers on this issue, if necessary. By informing parents of the current situation, we merely wish to notify the community that on the the two confirmed dates it may be necessary for certain groups of students to study from home alongside some disruption to the normal working practices at school ~ much in the same way as the strikes in February and March.

We will write to you in advance as per previous correspondence stating exactly which year groups will be in school and which (the minority) will be working hard for home. As you know we can't precisely know until closer to the time. This correspondence is to allow you to pre plan. I can assure you that Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 will be in school.

On the 27th of April is a planned, online, Year 8 parents evening. I can confirm that we will be postponing this and will send a new date shortly. Year 10 exams start on the 2nd of May and will continue as planned. Let's get those Year 10s revising.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely

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