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NEU Teachers' Strike: Thursday 2nd March

Dear parents,

You will have heard in the press this week, that the National Education Union has voted to arrange a series of strikes, in protest of teachers' pay and conditions, and school funding. Most of the teachers at Conisborough are members of the NEU, and therefore, Years 7 - 10 will not be able to come into school on Thursday 2nd March only Year 11 and Resource base students.

I am sure that you will understand that our dedicated and hard-working teachers have not taken this decision lightly. The NEU explain: "This is not about a pay rise but correcting historic real-terms pay cuts. Teachers have lost 23% in real-terms since 2010, and support staff 27% over the same period. The average 5% pay rise for teachers this year is some 7% behind inflation. In the midst of a cost of living crisis, that is an unsustainable situation."

This will have a direct impact on the teaching provision at Conisborough and our pupils and staff. Whilst we are aware of the inconvenience that the strike will cause families, teachers across the UK are asking the Government to listen to their concerns and reconsider their stance to protect education and enhance the recruitment and retention of teachers.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Harpham

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