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Dear Parent / Carer,

Alder Hey Road and Potential Strike Disruption

I am writing to make you aware of two important issues that may affect you and your child: road works in the local area and potential further strike action.

Road Works

Towards the end of the Easter holidays we discovered that there are major road works planned for the next few weeks to upgrade the gas pipelines in the local area. At the moment much of this is along Alder Hey Road and Ackers Lane.

The main footpaths are closed on the school side of the road and there are parking restrictions in place. So can I ask **all parents to avoid dropping off or picking up anywhere along Alder Hey Road and Ackers Lane.**

We will line those getting the buses in school and take them out in a safe manner at the end of the day.

Strike Action

As you will be aware, there is still no agreement between the DfE and the teaching unions on pay and school funding. As such, the National Education Union (NEU) has given notice that it intends to hold further strikes on:

- Thursday 27th April
- Tuesday 2nd May

I will write out later this week to share our arrangements for both of these days.

I realise this will be further disruption for parents and students and especially those so near to their GCSEs. It also coincides with a succession of shorter weeks with two Bank Holidays in place on:

- Monday 1st May (Early May Bank Holiday)
- Monday 8th May (Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III)

These changes to routine can often affect attendance for the rest of the week, so hopefully, together, we can ensure that our students attend on every possible day the school is open.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Rannard Headteacher

