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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wrote to you at the end of last week regarding the outcome of the NEU's ballot for industrial action, and to let you know that there would as a result be three days of strikes later this month.

Unfortunately, we have now learned that the NEU has also said there will be two further days of strike action, which it had not told us about previously.

As a result, my letter to you today is to inform you that the school is now likely to be closed on the following days: 12th, 13th and 14th July, and then 19th and 20th July as well.

I continue to be very sad about this and believe it is a matter of great regret. Industrial action is never in the best interests of children and young people, as they miss important days of schooling, and it is disruptive for their families. We sincerely hope that the NEU will call off the strike and we will maintain our constructive dialogue with them.

I will not repeat the points that I made in my letter of 1st July, apart from to say that we are clear that joining King Edward VI Academy Trust gives Lordswood Girls' School – students and staff – great opportunities and will lead to higher standards, which is, I know, something that you support so that your children receive the very best education possible.

I will write to you again nearer the time, and if there are any updates on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Julie Lennon
Chair of Trustees