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FAO the Headteacher,

Disruption to school rail services due to industrial action

As you may be aware, the Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers' Union (RMT) is taking strike action on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd June, as well as Saturday 25th June. This is a nationwide strike, and Chiltern Railways services will be heavily impacted along with the services of other train companies.

I am writing to all the schools on our network to provide you with advanced warning that we will be running a heavily-amended timetable during the week of the strikes, both on strike days as well as non-strike days. We are asking that customers only travel with us if their journey is essential, and only if it cannot be undertaken by another transport option.

Those students and staff who use the railway as part of their journey to access their education should consider alternative travel arrangements during that week. Those who have no choice other than travelling by train are strongly advised to check before they travel, allow more time for their journeys, and to be aware that service frequencies, stopping patterns, and the times of first and last trains will be different to normal arrangements.

The full details of the amended timetable during this industrial action will be published on our website early next week.

Should you wish to discuss this in more detail, please do get in touch with me directly.

Yours sincerely,



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