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Dear Parent/Carer,

You may remember that I recently wrote to you to outline the importance of great attendance to school. As well as the social benefits, students are increasingly seeing the benefits of accessing each part of the school curriculum and the impact that has on academic progress. In the days and weeks following that letter, we saw an increase in attendance and we maintained this improvement during the rail strike, so I would like to say thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school as much as possible.

I am sure that you will be aware of the strong possibility that next week there will be further industrial strike action affecting the Northern Rail train service on **Monday 7 and Wednesday 9 November**. This will again mean that families who rely on the train to get to and from school will face likely disruption. There will be a limited service for Ilkley-Leeds, and potentially no service on the Bradford-Ilkley line. There are currently no plans for Northern Rail to provide replacement services during this time.

As every day in school matters, we would encourage you to plan ahead in order to support your child in getting to school on these dates. To support students and families, Guiseley School will not issue consequences for late arrival for children who rely on trains for their school transport, and we understand some students may arrive slightly later than normal. As all Year 11 and 13 students are sitting their PPEs next week, wherever possible, we ask you please try to ensure students are arriving in time for the start of these exams.

Further details regarding the strike action can be found here:

<https://www.northernrailway.co.uk/travel/strikes>

Yours sincerely

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