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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Possible Strike Action

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU teaching union has declared strike action, which will take place on **Wednesday 1 February, Wednesday 1 March, Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues at our school.

I am writing to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on these dates. As a leadership team we are taking steps to manage this as much as possible at this time and hope to avoid any class closures. Although staff are not required to inform the school of their intent to strike, we have requested that information so that we can plan how to keep the school open and running on these days. You may wish as a precaution to look at alternative childcare arrangements for these dates, just in case.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives and the Local Authority to keep up to date with the situation and I will inform you of the final arrangements for these dates as soon as possible. I would like to reiterate that we will do everything we can to keep classes open on these days.

For next Wednesday 1st February, based on the information we currently have, we plan to be open as usual. We hope to manage any absences due to strike action in house with minimal disruption to learning. If this changes, we will let you know as soon as we are able to.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Miss Cotchin
Headteacher

Our School Values are: Inclusion, Perseverance, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Collaboration.

