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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Industrial strike action

I hope this letter finds you well.

As you may be aware from the recent media coverage, the National Education Union (NEU), announced that they had secured the necessary support in a ballot for industrial action. This is a national dispute with the government, regarding pay and school funding.

Striking is the right of every teacher who is part of a union and is a personal choice, which we respect as a school. As the school's Headteacher, it is my primary responsibility to ensure our pupils receive the highest standard of education and care.

As a decision to strike has been made, we are now assessing the impact that this will have on our school. **Individuals are not under any obligation to notify us in advance, however, in this instance our teachers have currently indicated that they are not intending to strike on 1st February. We are therefore able to remain open during the strike.**

We will assess each date and inform you if disruption is likely on future dates. The planned dates are set out below:

- **1 February (whole country strike)**
- **1 March (East Midlands, West Midlands, Eastern)**
- **15 March (whole country strike)**
- **16 March (whole country strike)**

As you know, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is our top priority so if teaching staff were to strike on future dates it is possible that we may have to undertake a partial school closure for some classes.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Norbury
Headteacher