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Monday 23rd January 2023,

Dear Parent/Carer,

NEU STRIKE ACTION

You will likely be aware from media coverage that members of the Education union the NEU, have voted in favour of strike action. Action is planned to take place on the following days which could affect the school:

- **Wednesday 1st February 2023**
- **Tuesday 28th February 2023**
- **Wednesday 15th March 2023**
- **Thursday 16th March 2023**

The industrial action is a result of a national pay dispute between Education unions and the Government over teacher's pay and a lack of funding for schools to cover pay increase from existing budgets – it is not due to any actions taken by the school.

We are writing to ensure you have sufficient notice of what this may mean for your child's attendance on those dates. The school's commitment is to your child's health, safety and wellbeing – we are undertaking a risk assessment to determine if we can safely open as usual on these dates. It may, however, be the case that the school needs to fully close or restrict attendance, in which case we will provide online lessons or set classwork to be done at home where possible.

Attendance will be prioritised for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- The children of critical workers
- Pupils with upcoming assessments in the event of attendance restrictions.

While we are doing all that we can to minimise disruption, we advise you to begin considering alternative childcare arrangements, where needed, for these dates. We apologise for the inconvenience this may mean to you and your child's education, and we hope the dispute can be resolved as soon as possible.

The school is maintaining dialogue with union representatives to understand the exact impact the strikes will have and we will keep you up-to-date with any arrangements via email or text. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Tomlinson
Principal

All adults in school have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.