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Dear Parents and Carers

National Strike Action

As you know, members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take industrial action and to go on strike. This is in response to an ongoing national dispute with the government.

There are strikes planned for 1st March and also for the 15th and 16th March. You are probably aware that discussions are in place to resolve the dispute.

A sizeable number of the staff are members of this union and added to the staffing pressures we are facing this term, I have decided that it is necessary for the school to close to students on those days, if the strikes go ahead.

If the talks are unsuccessful, your child should not attend school on the following days:

Wednesday 1st March

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

Staff will place work that can be completed by your child on Teams. There will not be any live lessons.

Any student who is in receipt of free school meals based on low income (not universal entitlement) will receive a packed lunch(s) on Tuesday 28th February and Tuesday 14th March.

I hope and intend that a clear decision made now will enable you to make plans ahead of next Wednesday and the future dates.

If there are any developments at a national level, and if strike action is averted in schools this will be notified through our usual school communication channels.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Kelly
Headteacher