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Dear Parents/Carers,

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National Strike Action by Members of the National Education Union (NEU).

I am writing to inform you about strike action that is being taken by members of the NEU and to advise you about arrangements for the school on the days of strike action.

The teaching trade unions have recently balloted their members in relation to their dispute with the Education Employers about teachers' pay. As a result, members of the NEU have voted to take national strike action on the following dates:

Wednesday 1stFebruary

Tuesday 14th February

Wednesday 15th March

Thursday 16th March

The action will result in class or whole school closures across the country.

What does this mean for our school?

Teachers in our school who are members of the NEU will be on strike on the above dates if the dispute is not resolved by then.

How will this affect my children?

The decision to close the school or send pupils home is never taken lightly, but where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, I have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

Following undertaking a risk assessment, the decision I have made is that on the days of strike action the school will be **open only** for pupils in year groups nursery, reception, year 2, year 3 and **some** year 6 (those in the classroom at the corner of the building and closest to the external door) who should attend school at the usual times.

We are aware that class/school closures inconvenience parents and carers and so I am writing to give you advance notice of the likely impact of the action on this school.

A day by day review will take place for each announced strike date. Consequently, if the situation changes and more union members chose to strike or return to work affecting class opening you will be informed.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Pritchard

