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Re: Strike Action

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following recent ballots by Teacher Unions, the National Education Union (NEU) intend to carry out industrial action over the national pay offer and the members plan to strike over a number of days in the coming months.

The dates are as follows:

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

I wanted to get in touch with you promptly as the impact of the industrial action will mean that you will need to consider additional childcare arrangements on these dates. At the moment, I am assessing the impact this may have on our school and will inform parents/carers of this at the earliest opportunity. We are also awaiting further guidance from the Local Authority.

Whilst as a school we regret any inconvenience strike action may cause, we must respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot.

I would like to recognise that I understand the frustrations of many teachers with workload and pay issues; something we have seen documented by recent strike action in other professions. The commitment of our staff to your children remains as high as ever and any decisions that staff make will not be taken lightly. Whilst trade unions have informed their members of their intention to strike, there is also the possibility that through ongoing negotiations the strikes may not take place.

I will keep you informed as the situation develops before the first date of strike action on 1st February 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Peaston



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