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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that the next dates identified by the National Education Union (NEU) in their series of strikes will be two consecutive days on the 15th and 16th March 2023. Once again, it is likely that our school may be affected by teachers deciding to strike on these two days.

As a school community, we will endeavour to do what we can in order for the school to remain open. However, staff shortages due to strike action may mean that we will be unable to deliver normal provision. As has been the case previously, we may have to consider restricting attendance, or closing the school, if we are unable to provide safe staffing levels. I have asked each teacher across the Primary and Secondary phases if they are intending to be involved in the strikes or not, and once I have this information, (which they are not obliged to share), I will let you know if and how each phase will be affected.

I appreciate that the strike action creates challenges for many of you and we will do what we can to ensure that the impact is minimised. As you may be aware, negotiations are ongoing at a national level between the Trade Unions and Government Ministers and should any agreements be reached over the coming days this could have an influence on how things progress. Due to this and the uncertainty that it presents, it may be that our plans are shared early next week instead of this Friday (as has been the case for the previous strike days).

In the meantime, once again, I ask for your patience and understanding as we support the right to strike, but also maintain our commitment to doing what we can for our children and our community.

Yours sincerely,



Rob Connelly
Headteacher