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Dear Parent/carer

The National Education Union (NEU) Strike Action

The NEU recently conducted a ballot of its members who are teachers in England. The majority of those voting in the ballot voted in favour of strike action. The NEU is in a formal trade dispute with the Secretary of State for Education. Industrial action is planned on.

Wednesday 1 February 2023 Wednesday 15 March 2023 Tuesday 28 February 2023 Thursday 16 March 2023

We are currently planning how to respond to this industrial action and will communicate our plans as promptly as possible in order to help you plan should your son or daughter be asked to work at home remotely on the days when industrial action takes place.

Members of other trade unions are being advised not to undermine the industrial action by, for example covering classes of teachers who are taking industrial action.

In addition, we are not aware of how many NEU members will take part in the action and NEU members are not obliged to share whether they will take part in the action or not.

Our priority will be to ensure we remain open for vulnerable pupils in the same manner as during the COVID-19 lockdown periods.

Once we have a clearer understanding of the potential impact of the industrial action we will communicate our plans for 1 February. Following the 1 February, we will have a better understanding of the situation and advise again of our plans for 28 February.

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Provisional planning includes;

Partial school closure for specific year groups Partial school closure for key stages Partial school closure (only open for vulnerable pupils)

We will work constructively with NEU representatives and other recognised trade unions throughout the industrial action to mitigate the impact on your son/daughter and yourselves and look to recover any lost learning experienced as part of this dispute.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter. We will communicate our plans for the 1 February as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Dean Logan

CEO