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Dear Parents & Carers,

You will likely be aware that members of the Education union the NEU have voted in favour of strike action. Action is planned to take place on the following days which will affect the school:

1st February 2023

28th February 2023

15th and 16th March 2023

This is the result of a national pay dispute between Education unions and the government – it is not due to any actions taken by the school, and it is a matter for the unions and the government to resolve independently of the school.

We are writing to ensure you have sufficient notice of what this may mean for your child's attendance on those dates. The school's commitment is to your child's health, safety and wellbeing – we are undertaking a risk assessment to determine if we can safely open as usual on these dates. It may, however, be the case that the school needs to fully close or restrict attendance, in which case we will provide online lessons or set classwork to be done at home where possible.

Attendance will be prioritised for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- The children of critical workers
- Pupils with upcoming assessments in the event of attendance restrictions.

While we are doing all that we can to minimise disruption, we advise you to begin considering alternative childcare arrangements, where needed, for these dates. We apologise for the inconvenience this may mean to you and your child's education, and we hope the dispute can be resolved as soon as possible.

The school is maintaining dialogue with union representatives to understand the exact impact the strikes will have and we will keep you up-to-date with any arrangements. We understand you may have questions – if so, please contact the office on the telephone number or email address above.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Peart
Headteacher



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