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Dear Parent Carers,

Industrial Action

In the previous week's weekly update, I wrote to let you know that as a result of the recent balloting of teaching staff by unions, the NEU have voted to take industrial action against the government to address ongoing issues in education. The industrial action is planned to take place in school on **Wednesday 1st March**, and may also impact school on the 15th and 16th March.

Please be assured that as a special school, St Martins will remain open to our community of vulnerable young people, however, the school day will look different as the number of teaching staff working may be limited. Student groups could be merged, and students are likely not to follow their usual timetable or curriculum offer. Managing and maintaining safeguarding and the health and safety of students and staff will be our main priority. This follows government advice and guidance from the Shaw Education Trust.

We understand that some of our young people will find the changes to their school routine challenging and so you may prefer to keep your young person at home for the day – absences will be authorised.

To assist us with planning, please could you complete this short form as soon as possible to let us know your intentions for Wednesday 1st March - <https://forms.office.com/e/CzEuEM1Zn2> Please bear in mind that it is the responsibility of parent carers to safeguard and supervise their young person if they are staying at home. We are grateful for the support of Parent Carers in the previous Strike Day in keeping us fully informed.

Thank you for your support.

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