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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY THE NATIONAL EDUCATION UNION – SCHOOL CLOSURE ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2023

I am writing to you about forthcoming strike action by the National Education Union (NEU), one of the main teaching trade unions. You may have seen coverage of this in the news, and I need to inform you about the impact this is likely to have at our school.

There are three national strike days planned and one regional. This means that those teachers involved in the action will not teach their class or undertake any other duties on a strike day.

Following information from staff, I have considered the impact that the action will have on our school including the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors, and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum, to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the strike.

It has been decided that the school will be closed on Wednesday 1st February 2023, **except for**:

- **Nursery** (normal times and sessions apply)
- **Class 1B**
- **Class 5JR**

We will provide information closer to the time about the other proposed strike dates. Those days are:

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

**Breakfast and after school club will be open, as normal, for children in those classes only. Refunds will be provided for the booking(s) that cannot be fulfilled.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you however, to be understanding. A national strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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