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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware from my previous communications, the membership of the NEU voted to take further industrial action in schools across our region and the country.

The next possible strike days are next week on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

Please do not assume that the same classes will be open / closed from last strike day.

You may want to start to consider alternative child care for these dates and make arrangements for any last minute changes.

Unfortunately, at this stage I cannot predict which classes will or will not be open so you will need to be prepared for last minute changes.

Please be aware that employees are not required to inform me if they intend to strike in advance and we will only be able to confirm our actual position of the morning of the day itself. Furthermore, as it is a day of regional action, closures of other schools may affect our staffing levels as well, compromising staff ratios, provision of medial support and lunchtime supervision. Under Union and Government 'rules' I am not allowed to ask other staff to cover striking teacher's classes. Again, this will not be known until the morning of the strike.

I am aware that the NEU have invited the Government for talks but this has not yet been taken up. If I receive any new information, I will let you know via Studybugs, the school website and our School Facebook Page.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ash Vaghela, Headteacher