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Dear Parents and Carers,

UNION STRIKE ACTION

You will be aware from the news that the National Education Union (NEU) have balloted their members and will be taking strike action on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 1 February - all England**
- [Tuesday 28 February – Northern, North West, Yorkshire & the Humber regions]
- **Wednesday 1 March – East Midlands, West Midlands & Eastern regions**
- [Thursday 2 March – London, South East & South West regions]
- **Wednesday 15 March – all England**
- **Thursday 16 March – all England**

This is a national dispute and is not confined only to this school or this Local Authority.

Whilst all efforts are being made to maintain essential services to those who are most vulnerable, regrettably the industrial action will mean that we will not be able to provide our usual level of services on that day.

As yet I do not have confirmed numbers of staff who will be taking strike action, but there is a strong possibility that at least some areas of our provision will be affected. It is likely that the school could be closed to some or all children.

I would advise parents to consider making contingency plans for their children's supervision on the above dates (in bold and in red above), since final notification of a decision to close all or part of the school may only allow for short notice to parents.

I will inform you as soon as possible, once I'm aware of which children the strike will affect. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Towle
Headteacher