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Dear Parents and Carers,

**INDUSTRIAL ACTION**

Following my previous letter on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March regarding the proposed strike action by the National Education Union, I am now writing to confirm that the strike action is going ahead. The children in all classes **should not attend** school on:

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

And

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

The decision to close the school to pupils is never taken lightly but in this instance, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, we have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and well-being of pupils. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and school funding.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education.

We continue to work closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further including whether some classes or year groups are able to come to school.

Yours sincerely

Christine Haslam  
Head teacher