



26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Industrial Action**

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared a number of days of strike action, the first of which will take place next Wednesday 1st February.

The strike is taking place because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and not because of any issues at our school.

I am contacting you in order to provide as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

I understand that this situation may be a cause of frustration, however our main concern is the safety of our students. If there is sufficient strength of support for this action amongst our staff we may not be able to operate a normal school day safely.

At this stage, we are hoping to remain open as normal however we have had to consider a number of possible options, including a possible partial closure of the school. As a result we recommend that you start to make provisional alternative childcare arrangements for this date.

I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I am hoping to receive indications from staff, regarding their plans, over the next few days and will inform you of the arrangements for next Wednesday as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mr L Downey  
Head of School