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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## **Industrial Action**

You may be aware that the second day of the National Education Union (NEU) strike action, is due to take place on Thursday 2nd March.

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 to provide as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on the 2nd March.

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.

I am pleased to say that on the previous strike day in February, we were able to remain open to all year groups and provide a normal day of learning for our students. At this stage we are again 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 some indications from staff, regarding their plans, over the next few days and will inform you of the arrangements for next Thursday as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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