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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you will have heard that one of the main teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), following a ballot of teachers has now received the mandate that allows it to call upon members to be involved in discontinuous strike action which is currently planned for the following dates:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Wednesday 01 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

It is up to the teachers in the NEU to decide whether they intend to strike on each date.

As I have been informed that over half of our teachers are in this union, it is highly likely that education on this day will be disrupted - unless negotiations with the government are productive. **It is almost certain that some of our classes will need to be closed as a result of the strike action** due to the lack of available teaching staff. **I write in order to give you early notice of the potential for disruption on at least 1st February.**

The teachers are not in dispute with the school but are in dispute with the government in relation to national pay, terms and conditions. I am grateful that in recognition of this, staff are cooperating with me to keep the school informed of their intended actions early. This helps us to plan for any disruption that may occur.

I am currently awaiting advice from my professional association, the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT), in relation to recent changes to DfE guidance on school actions in the event of teacher strikes.

As soon as I know more, I will communicate this with you.

Yours sincerely

Richard Curry