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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Industrial strike action update – Friday 7th July 2023

As you will be aware from my previous letter, the National Education Union (NEU), has given notice of industrial action planned for **Friday 7th July 2023**. Whilst we hope that the dispute can be resolved through national negotiation, it seems most likely at this point that this strike day will go ahead. I have been considering what impact the strike will have on our school, should it go ahead. We recognise how important it is for you to be able to make plans in advance. In order to give you some advanced notice of class closures, NEU members have shared their intentions for Friday 7th July ahead of this day.

Should the planned strike go ahead, classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 will be closed on Friday 7th July 2023. All other classes will run as normal. Breakfast club and afterschool clubs will run for the open classes.

We have prioritised some additional children for a place in school. We have also been able to support some front line, critical workers, by offering a limited number of places to those who had responded by the deadline on Monday morning and who met the criteria advised by the local authority. These parents and carers will have already been notified by email confirming that their children should attend school in the event that their child's class is closed on Wednesday 5th July or Friday 7th July 2023.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time.

Ben Tull
Headteacher
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