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Dear Families,

As you will be aware the NEU teaching union has announced the results of their ballot. This has resulted in teachers who are members taking strike action.

The 4 days that have been identified are:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

The NEU states that the reason for the ballot was “a result of failure by the Secretary of State in England and the employers in Wales to ensure enough money is available to pay a fully-funded increase in pay for teachers which at least matches inflation, and which begins to restore lost pay”.

The staff may choose to exercise their right to strike and do not have to inform the school of their intention to strike until the day of the strike. This means that schools may need to close classes at short notice and we would therefore advise that you have alternative childcare in place. Your Head Teacher will of course, send out information at the earliest opportunity, which could be as late the morning of the day of the strike.

At present we are planning for all of our schools to be open and we expect all children to attend school as usual. We will advise you if there is any change to this situation in any of our academies.

Thank you for your support.

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