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National NEU strike action

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are sure that you will be aware from media coverage that the NEU teaching union have announced that their teaching members have voted for strike action, currently planned to take place on the dates stated below:

Wednesday 1st February
Wednesday 1st March
Wednesday 15th March
Thursday 16th March

This industrial action is taking place because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and a lack of funding for schools to cover pay increases from existing budgets.

We are contacting you to give you notice that learning may be disrupted on the dates shown above. We are considering several options, including partial closure and moving some of our learning remotely.

Planning for such strikes is very complicated as it is not just a case of which unions have given notice of industrial action. Adults with children of school age may be affected even though they may not be a part of this action directly. All of this needs careful planning and it may be a consideration for some parents/carers of what alternative childcare arrangements could be made for these dates, if required.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation and when we have made firm plans, we will inform you of the final arrangements.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Lindsey Burgin
Associate Principal