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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, the school has received confirmation from the National Education Union (NEU) that members of the union intend to take further formal industrial action by participating in strikes which will take place on:

15 and 16 March 2023: Two-day strike in all schools in England.

The strike action is in relation to a national dispute around teacher and school staff pay, recruitment and retention of staff and appropriate levels of funding for schools.

On the previous strike days, we have managed to provide suitable cover for all classes so that all children could attend. **However, for the strike day on Thursday 16th March 2023 we will not have enough staff available. As a result, the school will need to partially close.**

I'm disappointed to inform you that the school will be closed for years 5 and 6 (Oak Class).

The school will be open for years Reception, 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Willow and Maple Class).

The children in these year groups must attend school as normal with the normal routines in place. There will be no disruption to their learning due to the strike.

I am very sorry that this course of action is necessary and for the disruption and inconvenience it may cause. I hope that the national dispute can be resolved as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Chipperfield
Head of School



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