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Dear Parents/Carers

As you know from our letter to you dated 24th January, the National Education Union has announced a series of strikes. The next scheduled strike day for London schools is Thursday 2nd March 2023. The full list of dates are:

Wednesday 1st February 2023

Wednesday 1st March 2023 (Essex schools only)

Thursday 2nd March 2023 (London schools only)

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Thursday 16th March 2023

At the moment, it is unclear how many teachers will actually strike on the identified days but what we do know is that the action is likely to cause significant disruption to the running of the school and may ultimately lead to a complete closure.

During the last strike we were also heavily affected by absence of staff with school age children who were unable to go to school and a picket line which a number of staff members chose not to cross.

It is very difficult for us to know how many teachers will be striking until we are much nearer the dates, as individual members are protected in law and not obliged to inform the school of their intention to strike or not. We are therefore writing to you now to ask that you make plans for childcare in the event of your child's class or the school being closed for the days identified above.

We will update you with any further information at the end of this week and a further parent briefing will also be released.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Harrison
Executive Head Teacher
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