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Dear Parent/Carer,

NEU Industrial Action

Further to information given before half term, I can now share additional details about the organisation for tomorrow, Tuesday 28th February 2023

As you may be aware the strikes are happening because of a national dispute between unions and the government about teachers' pay and funding for schools. We recognise and respect the right of our staff to take industrial action on the planned dates.

Unfortunately, due to the number of teachers likely to be taking industrial action tomorrow, we will need to close our Reception and Nursery classes for the day.

We may be able to offer some key worker places for Nursery and Reception pupils who would join our Year 1 children for the day. Please contact the school office if you would like to request a place and are able to provide the appropriate key worker evidence. The office will be open until 6pm tonight.

We will be fully open for pupils in Years 1 – 6.

Due to the large number of teachers likely to be taking part in the strike action, we will be unable to offer the usual curriculum provision for the majority of our children. Instead pupils will take part in a Singing Practice (practising our Easter songs), a Rights Respecting Schools Assembly, our annual Show Racism the Red Card poster design competition, a Writing competition and a number of other games and activities.

Year 4 will have their normal Tuesday curriculum provision with Mrs Dadswell and should come to school in PE kit as they will have a PE lesson instead of their usual swimming lesson.

Year 1 and Year 2 will be together in their year groups for their activities. They will also be brought out in their year groups rather than classes at the end of the day, Year 1 first. Can we ask parents/carers to stand at the fence rather than further back to ensure that staff (and children) can easily spot each parent/carer.

There may be a picket line again near the main school gate tomorrow morning but this is yet to be confirmed.

The other planned strike dates are listed below and we will let you know about arrangements for these nearer the time

- Wednesday, 15 March
- Thursday, 16 March

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle, Headteacher



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