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Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU (National Education Union) has declared strike action, which is planned to take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 28 February
- Wednesday, 15 March
- Thursday, 16 March

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 whilst appreciating the uncertainty this brings for families in finding childcare for children during a strike day.

Information provided by the Department for Education states that where possible, schools are expected to take all reasonable steps to remain open.

At this point in time, we are planning for school to be open to all children in Years 1 -6 on the 28th February but may need to close to Nursery and Reception children as we might not have the staffing needed to ensure correct ratios in these classes. I can confirm plans for Reception and Nursery on Monday 27th February but it would be wise to have a back-up plan in place.

If we do close to Nursery and Reception pupils, in line with DfE guidance, we may be able to offer some key worker places for pupils whose parents/carers fit the criteria. Please contact the school office if you would like to request a place in the case of these classes closing for the day and are able to provide the appropriate key worker evidence. School will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week if you wish to call then.



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Due to the number of our 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 who are in school will have a range of Art and Design, Music and Rights Respecting Schools activities in addition to games and play activities.

Year 4 will have their usual Tuesday curriculum provision with Mrs Dadswell and should come to school in PE kit as they will have a PE lesson instead of swimming. We have had to cancel the swimming lesson that day as are unlikely to have the staffing needed for this activity.

Kidz Club will operate as normal.

If there is a change to this information as we move into the period of strike action, families will be informed at the earliest point.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle

Headteacher



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