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Dear Parent/Carer,

The NEU (National Education Union) has declared strike action, which is planned to take place on the following dates:

- 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.

Our plans for these days are as follows:

Wednesday 15th March – School will be open to all pupils from Nursery to Year 6

I will give further details on Tuesday about our activities planned for this day.

Thursday 16th March – School will be closed to all pupils except Year 4 due to the number of staff we believe will be taking industrial action on that date and having insufficient staffing levels to operate safely. We will update you early next week if this situation changes.

On this day, Year 4 will have their usual Maths and English lessons in the morning and we have then planned a Forest School session for them for the rest of the day. They will therefore come to school in non-uniform. Mrs Dadswell will give more details next week.



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In line with DfE guidance, we may be able to offer some key worker places for pupils whose parents/carers fit the criteria on this date. Please contact the school office by the end of the school day on the 15th March if you would like to request a place and are able to provide the appropriate key worker evidence.

Kidz Club will operate as normal on both days.

As usual please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle

Headteacher



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