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Dear Parents / Carers,

NEU Strike – Thursday 2nd March 2023

As previously notified, only teachers in the National Education Union (NEU) are being called to strike (there are other teaching unions that are not affected this time). If a teacher strikes on 2nd March, this does not automatically mean they will strike on 15th and 16th March. Teachers will make this decision before the next scheduled strike day and we will always try to inform you in plenty of time, once we know which classes will be affected. Teachers are in fact told by their unions that they do not need to inform the headteacher until the day! Fortunately, I have exceptional staff who know the disruption this will cause so they do kindly inform me. This is not a decision that teachers have taken lightly, especially in the current climate when everyone is struggling to meet the rising costs of living; if a teacher goes on strike to support their union, their pay is stopped for that day.

On Thursday 2nd March, the following classes will be closed due to a reduction of teaching staff in school that will affect our ability to safeguard all children and comply with health and safety during the day that includes breaktime and lunchtime supervision:

Class	Teacher
3L	Mr Lee
4D	Miss Davidson
4JG	Mrs Jones/Miss Green

If your children are in these classes [click on this link](#) to be considered for a place in school. This must be completed by midday on Tuesday 28th February so that we can prioritise limited spaces and notify you if you have been successful. Our vulnerable children and children of critical workers in the emergency services will be a high priority. In this category, single parent families will be prioritised but if two parents are both critical key workers and have the same hours, then these families will also be included where possible. Please give as much detail as you can in the survey link, so that we are able to provide what we can for those who need us most, given the limitations we have for availability of staff. We do appreciate your support.

As families may be working from home too, we would encourage children to work independently on homework, spellings, Doodle English/Maths and times tables. Please be aware that unions do not allow staff on strike to set work.

To minimise the impact of these strikes on education, we will do our very best to prioritise catch-up sessions for children who miss school, so that disruption is kept to a minimum.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H. West
Headteacher