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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the teachers' union, the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place **next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute with the government over teachers' pay and not because of any issues with Federation or with our schools.

There are another 3 strike days planned for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We will risk assess each of these days and keep you informed.

I'm getting in touch now to confirm that the vast majority of our teachers will be taking strike action **next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023** and to ensure the health and safety and well-being of our children and young people (CYP) we can only provide a limited provision on that day. There will no satellite provision open and all childcare will take place on the school's main site.

You will appreciate as there will be virtually no teachers on the day, we can only provide childcare and therefore it will not be the same as a normal teaching day.

As a result, we are forced to prioritise those children and young people who are most in need and those of "critical workers" (as defined by the Department for Education) namely families working in health and education. If we are unaware that you work in either of these sectors, then please contact the school.

If you are one of these prioritised groups, you will be contacted before next Wednesday and offered the opportunity to bring your child into school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

If you have not been contacted then please make alternative arrangements for that day.

Provision for those children and young people who are entitled to free school meals will be made and their families will be informed in due course.

I understand that the situation may be difficult and frustrating, however our priority must be to ensure our CYP are safe and secure in our schools. This can only be done on the strike day by providing only for a small number of children and young people.

If you do have any queries or concerns please contact your school.

Many thanks

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