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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Upcoming strike days 5th & 7th July

I am writing in response to the recent announcement of the additional dates for planned industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU). Recent talks between the government and the education unions following strikes earlier this academic year have yet to reach an agreement that satisfies the proposals set by the unions, which has led to the announcement of additional strike days; **Wednesday 5th July** and **Friday 7th July 2023**.

It is important to acknowledge that the planned industrial action is not aimed at parents or school leaders but rather, central government decision making. Schools from across the country are facing significant school funding reductions and funding pressures.

Our teachers work incredibly hard for the children and families of our school community and this is not an action that they have taken lightly. We understand that the decision to take strike action will cause some inconvenience for you and disruption for the children, and for this we apologise.

We are aware that our LKS2 sports day is scheduled for <u>Wednesday 5th July</u> and we are working to secure an alternative date with the park staff should this day be impacted. As soon as this is confirmed we will let you know.

We want to assure you that we are committed to supporting the community and ensuring that the impact of the strike action on our children is kept to a minimum. Details of how the school will be impacted by the strike on **Wednesday 5th July** and **Friday 7th July 2023**., will be communicated with you with the intention of providing you with as much notice as possible.

Thank you once again for your understanding and support.

With best wishes

Mr O Phillips Headteacher



