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Dear Parents and Carers,

Teacher Strikes

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action. The strikes will take place on 1st February, 15th and 16th March nationally, and on 28th February in our region. The strike is happening in result of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and funding, and not because of any issues at our academy or out Trust.

We are writing to you to let you know that we are working as hard as possible to ensure minimal disruption to your children and their learning. We are in the process of considering several options and we will be in touch with you as soon as possible to inform you of any changes to the usual school day. At this stage, we understand that a significant number of colleagues may be taking industrial action.

For this reason, we recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates.

We are working closely with our staff and Trade Union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

We recognise and respect the right of our staff to take part industrial action and ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any potential disruption caused.

Amy Gurner
Headteacher