Dear Parents and Carers,

STRIKE ACTION – NATIONAL EDUCATION UNION

You may be aware from media coverage that some teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action on the following days:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Wednesday 1st March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the NEU and the government over teachers' pay and funding, not because of any issues with our school or our Trust.

I am writing to give you as much notice as possible that your child's learning may be disrupted on these days. Our Trust, Local Academy Committee and I are striving to keep our school open, but we need to consider and assess regularly that it is safe to do so.

We may have to consider partial closing of certain classes/year groups, moving lessons to online or as a last resort, closing the school. For this reason, we recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements on these dates in the unforeseen circumstances that we need to close the school.

Strike action is meant to cause as much disruption and maximum impact on the day-to-day education provision but we are asking staff to indicate if they are intending to work on the strike action dates; however staff have no legal obligation to inform me of their actions therefore we won't know until the morning of each strike day which staff are working.

I know this will be challenging for parents for those children who cannot come into school on the strike days, which is why I am trying to give you as much notice as possible. It is a frustrating situation we find ourselves in, but we are determined to keep the school open as much as possible providing it is safe to do so for our pupils.

We are currently planning to be fully open but the situation is constantly adjusting therefore I will keep you updated particularly if arrangements change.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Elise Gribble

Headteacher