

25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

As you may be aware the teachers' unions are in dispute with government over pay. The National Education Union (NEU) now has authority from its ballot to call upon its members to take part in industrial action. This will consist of strikes on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

We have significant numbers of teachers who may take strike action and we will not know the number of staff in school until the morning of any strike day.

Having considered the potential impact on our learners, and with their health and safety paramount to our decisions, we have confirmed that school will be closed to the majority of pupils on the first strike day, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Your child will be provided with work to be completed at home. More details of this work will be provided later this week to parents. We will also communicate this directly to pupils.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals we will be offering a food grab bag and you will receive a survey shortly to confirm if you would like your child to receive this.

We understand the difficulty that the strike days may pose for our families and would like to reiterate that our decisions for the first strike day, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, have been taken to ensure the health and safety of all our learners. We will review and assess this approach for further strike dates and inform you of any changes.

If you have any further questions at this stage then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Barrowclough  
Headteacher