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Strike Action Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may well be aware, teachers who are part of the National Education Union, along with many other workers – e.g. nurses, ambulance and paramedic staff, recently voted as to whether or not to take industrial action.

Based on our risk assessments and after careful consideration, we regret to inform you that we have had to take the decision to close the school to all pupils on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.

We recognise and apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause for many parents, but our responsibility is to the safety and wellbeing of pupils which, in light of the limited number of staff available, we would be unable to guarantee.

Please ensure that appropriate childcare arrangements are in place for the days of strike action as you will not be able to send your child to school and no members of teaching staff will be there.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating, we would ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

We will keep you up-to-date with any further news. In the event that negotiations between the government and the Education unions see the strikes called off or postponed, the school will be able to open as normal on the suggested dates.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and you would like to collect a packed lunch from school, please email the school office to confirm before Friday of this week. They will have to be collected from school at 12 noon on 15th March and 16th March 2023. ***PLEASE NOTE THIS IS FOR THOSE IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS ONLY, NOT THOSE IN RECEIPT OF UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS.***

Kind Regards

Nicola McCloy

Chair of Governors and on behalf of full Governing Body

Rebecca Dean

Headteacher