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Dear Parent/ Carers,

Notification of closure on Wednesday 1st Feb 2023

We have been informed by **NEU Trade Union** there will be a day of strike action by their teacher members on **Wednesday 1st February 2023**. The dispute is with the Secretary of State for Education with regards to '*Failure to provide a fully funded above-inflation pay rise (as measured by September 2022 RPI). A fully funded pay rise is funded by additional resources sufficient to provide the above-inflation pay rise*' (NEU).

As Headteacher, I have assessed the impact of the strike action on the school and after careful consideration have decided that the school will have to close to pupils. Due to the numbers of staff involved, there will be serious operational difficulties which could impact the safety of pupils and staff.

This decision has not been taken lightly and we regret having to take this action but feel that there will not be sufficient staff in school to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children.

All children will be provided with a home learning pack or remote learning tasks so children can work from home for the day. All work completed will be expected to be returned to school the following day.

Our sincere apologies for the difficulties that these arrangements will cause parents/carers but unfortunately these are circumstances beyond our control.

The school will open as normal on **Thursday 2nd February 2023**.

If you have any queries or concerns, please let me know.

Yours Sincerley

Rebecca Benjamins
Headteacher