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Friday, 10th March 2023

Dear Parent/ Carers,

Notification of closure on Wednesday 15th March 2023

You will have heard in the press, that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared another two days of strike action which will take place on: **Wednesday 15th and Thursday, 16th March 2023.**

The NEU is one of several teaching unions and different schools will have different numbers of striking staff. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government. The NEU explain: "This is not about a pay rise but correcting historic real-terms pay cuts. Teachers have lost 23% in real terms since 2010, and support staff 27% over the same period. The average 5% pay rise for teachers this year is some 7% behind inflation. In the midst of a cost of living crisis, that is an unsustainable situation".

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 on **Wednesday 15th March but will open to all on Thursday 16th March.** Due to the numbers of staff involved, there will be serious operational difficulties on Wednesday 15th which could impact the safety of pupils and staff. However, many of our teachers will be at school on Thursday 16th as they have decided not to Strike on both days.

As children will have recently received their topic homework we are asking that they use this day to complete the activities provided bringing any models or work completed to school the next day. As next week is science week please look out for the science newsletter which will include home activities and an exciting competition for your children to complete and enter.

Our sincere apologies for the difficulties that these arrangements will cause to you all but unfortunately these are circumstances beyond our control.

The school will open as normal on **Thursday 16th and Friday 17th March 2023.**

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

Yours Sincerely

Rebecca Benjamins
Headteacher