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Dear Parents and Carers

Strike Action by members of the National Education Union

We are writing to you about the forthcoming strike action by the National Education Union (NEU), one of the main teaching trade unions. You may have seen coverage of this on the news. There are 3 national and one regional day strikes planned. The first of these strike days is tomorrow the 1st February 2023. Originally the school thought it would be able to stay open to all pupils, however, it would seem that the strike has developed strong momentum and there is growing support for the industrial action.

Teachers involved in the action will not teach their class(es) or undertake any other duties on a strike day.

It is therefore necessary for us to consider the potential impact that this action will have on school. The school has had to assess whether there will be sufficient staff available for the school to remain fully open during the strike.

To determine whether the school can remain fully or partially open, a detailed risk assessment has been conducted. This considers the impact of the action will have on the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors, and whether the school can run safely during the strike.

With this in mind, the school has had to make the following decision.

Tomorrow 1st February 2023 the whole of the EYFS stage ie. **Little Ducklings, Nursery and Reception classes will be open and fully staffed safely for the children. There is NO change for these classes.**

For years 1 – 6, we recommend that the children stay at home unless you are unable to get childcare at such short notice. If you need your child to be in school as you do not have emergency childcare provision while you are at work, please phone the school office on 01977 558350 to book a place in school. Any children that needs to attend due to emergency childcare will have staff to look after them safely during the day. But their places must be booked in advance. A hot meal will still be available for children from the school canteen.

There will be no breakfast club or teatime club or after school provision tomorrow either.

Clearly this is a difficult situation. We would ask you to be understanding. A national strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would take lightly.

We will let you know about the other proposed strikes closer to the time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Brownlee

Head Teacher



