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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Strike Action Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March 2023

As you are aware, there is potentially a Teachers strike by the NEU on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March** and unfortunately, having carried out a risk assessment of our potentially available staffing, the school will be unable to meet the needs of all our pupils. It will therefore be necessary for us to make the hard decision to close the school to all pupils apart from those specifically identified vulnerable pupils and those of critical workers.

If your child falls into either of these categories, you will receive a separate letter coming home with your child, please check their bags. We would like to draw your attention to the following:

- We will be utilising staff from all areas of the school and therefore your child may be with unfamiliar staff.
- Pupils may not be with their normal peer groups
- We will be off the standard curriculum
- As we do not know specifically what staffing will be available until the day, there is the possibility that no medically trained staff will be available to administer your child's medical needs and we may need to call on parents/carers to administer medication
- Topic work is available via your child's Seesaw

If your child was offered a place during the last industrial action days they will automatically be offered a place on the 15th and 16th March. If you have subsequently requested a school place you will have received confirmation via email.

If your child travels to school via KCC transport, please ensure you contact your transport provider to advise your child is due to attend school under the specified categories. We will contact the transport providers but strongly recommend that you contact them directly.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause families but the safety of all our school community must be our first priority. Should the industrial action be cancelled the school will, of course be open as normal.

Warmest wishes,

Yours faithfully

Jill Palmer
Executive Principal